

China doubles its scholarships for African students

Accra: The Chinese government has doubled the number of scholarships it grants to Africa to 4000 students per year, says Yu Wenzhe, China's ambassador to Ghana.

The expanded package is China's contribution to help Africa to achieve its goals, Wenzhe said at a reception he hosted for 34 Ghanaian students who have received Chinese government scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Ghana's National Scholarship Secretariat, various government ministries and other institutions recommended the students.

He said the Chinese government valued these educational scholarships as means of boosting friendship between the two countries and urged the students to study hard and pass on the knowledge acquired for the benefit of the country.

He added that China was also helping the University of Ghana make the Chinese language an attractive course for students of the university.

Felix Lansah, the Registrar of the National Scholarship Secretariat, asked the beneficiaries to be worthy ambassadors by applying themselves diligently to their studies and exhibiting the highest sense of discipline.

He said Ghana, as a country hoping to attain middle-income status by 2015, would always take the opportunity to learn the values and work ethics of China.

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