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BCG Press Release:

British Consulate General visits Nablus to launch UK Government's prestigious Chevening Scholarships

British Consul General in Jerusalem, Dr Alastair McPhail, announced today the opening of applications for the UK's Chevening Scholarships scheme for 2017-18. Applications are open from 8 August until 8 November 2016 via www.chevening.org/apply. Dr McPhail made the announcement at a launch event at Al Najah University in Nablus.

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with leadership potential who also have strong academic backgrounds. The scholarship offers financial support to study for a master's degree at any UK university and the opportunity to become part of an influential global network of 46,000 alumni.

The call for new applicants follows the selection of 28 scholars from the Occupied Palestinian Territories, who won an award to study at a UK university this year. There are more than 1,500 Chevening Scholarships on offer globally for the 2017/2018 academic cycle. These scholarships represent a significant investment from the UK Government to develop the next cohort of global leaders.

The Consul General encouraged talented Palestinians to apply, saying:

> *"The UK is home to many of the world's best universities, and Chevening enables you to develop academically, professionally, and personally whilst studying in the UK.*

"Those who are selected for a Chevening Scholarship become recognised as leaders belonging to a global network of influencers. They share the best their country has to offer with those they meet in the UK, and then share the best the UK has to offer when they return home. For this reason, the role of Chevening Scholars is important in building bridges between countries."

Chevening Secretariat Director, Michael Scott-Kline, said:

"Those who step forward to apply for a Chevening Scholarship are already demonstrating the kind of ambitious forward-thinking that typifies Chevening Scholars.
"The potential rewards for applying are unquantifiable. Not only do scholars receive a first-rate UK education which can open doors in their respective careers, they also join a strong global network — a network they will draw on and contribute to for the rest of their lives.
"It is my pleasure to announce the opening of the 2017/2018 competition for Chevening Scholarships. Applying – or encouraging a friend to apply – may turn out to be the best decision you ever make. Everyone who has ever benefitted from being a Chevening Scholar has one thing in common — they had the ambition to simply apply."

Chevening Programme Manager, Louise Thomson, said:

"Scholars can choose almost any master's course at any UK university. As well as an unparalleled academic experience, scholars enjoy exclusive access to year-round opportunities to familiarise them with the UK, its history, institutions, customs, and people.
"Recent scholars have taken in breath-taking views of the UK, experienced Britain's heritage and history through its stately homes and castles, discussed international policy at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and interacted with high profile academics, politicians, and even royals at a range of academic, cultural, and social events.
"Whether they're inside a lecture theatre or not, scholars are constantly learning."

More information

Visit www.chevening.org/faqs for detailed information on the eligibility criteria and award specifications.

For more information about the Palestinian Chevening Scholarship, follow the British Consulate's Facebook page: UK in Jerusalem.

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Notes to editors

Chevening Scholarships are the UK Government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The scholarships support study at UK universities – mostly one year master's degrees – for individuals with demonstrable potential to become future leaders, decision-makers, and opinion formers.

Chevening began in 1983 and has developed into a prestigious international awards scheme. Chevening Scholars come from over 160 countries and territories worldwide (excluding the USA and the EU), and more than 1,500 scholarships were awarded in 2016/2017. There are over 46,000 Chevening Alumni around the world who comprise an influential and highly regarded global network.

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