

Profile



Name: **Hairong Mu**

Age: 29

Sex: Female

Year of participation: YES 2003

Country of origin: China

Country of Study: United Kingdom

Profession: Student

University: University of Southampton

Field of Study: Economics

Degree: PhD

Ms. Hairong Mu (Alumni of YES Scholarship 2003) is currently an MPhil/PhD student majoring in Economics at the University of Southampton. As a Chinese student studying in the UK, she was confronted with the financial problem of high tuition fees. In 2003, she discovered the "YES" (Youth Education Scheme) from the ITU – Youth Programme website. At that time, she was sponsored by the ORS (Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme), which provided partial funding. The remaining of the tuition fees was still a heavy burden on her family.

In order to complete her studies, Ms. Mu needed to find another means of support. Without any doubt, the YES scholarship brought her new hope to continue her PhD topic on China's entry into the WTO and the GATS Telecommunication Agreement. Therefore, she applied for this scholarship

and she was awarded in 2003. With the assistance of YES scholarship sponsored by ITU/Vodafone, she is able to concentrate more on her study and research in order to contribute to the development of telecommunications policy in her home country. She deeply appreciates the Youth Education Scheme created by ITU, as this project promotes and supports her with her education and, most importantly, it helps draw her close to her dream.

***“As a young student coming from the developing world, I would like to encourage the continuation of such initiative which helps to make true the dreams of many inspiring young leaders, who unfortunately do not always have financial resources to pursue their professional career. I would address a special thanks to the Sponsors of this ITU’s initiative as well as to the ITU, who understands that bridging the Digital Divide goes essential through the educational development of young generation in this field.”
Said Ms. Mu.***

Ms. Mu appreciated so much the YES initiative that she voluntarily applied for an internship with the ITU-Youth Programme during her summer holiday. Her intention was to create a feedback as a YES beneficiary, in order to highlight that the YES is a rewarding initiative.

Through the survey she carried on, she proved that YES is a life changing opportunity for young people who, despite of their financial constraints, have the strong wish to continue their studies and contribute to the development of ICTs in their home countries and regions.

(Comments from Youth Programme)