China calling for MBA hopefuuls

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CHINA is calling once more for two young entrepreneurs who want to study for an MBA in Beijing.

They will follow in the footsteps of Rory Bate-Williams and Jeremy Solomon who started their year in the Chinese capital a few weeks ago — getting to grips with business in the world's second-biggest economy and learning its language.

The Scottish businessman and philanthropist Sir Tom Hunter is again backing two exceptional hopefuls with a proven interest in Asia.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for the young entrepreneurs to get a first-class, first-hand experience of what is going on in China," Hunter said.

The Hunter scholarships will meet the fees of one-year, full-time MBAs at the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business in the Chinese capital for both students.

The scholarship is backed by Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong billionaire whose British interests include the mobile network Three, chemist chain Superdrug and Felsted's port.

It is a rare opportunity for business people to study China from the inside. The course is taught in English, mostly by Chinese academics who have studied abroad and brought their skills home.

"The programme was established to start to address the knowledge and network deficit that European companies have on Asia and China specifically," said Oliver Shell, CIBSS's representative in Europe.

For a chance to hear Hunter speak on entrepreneurship and to learn more about the MBA scholarships, there will be a session in central London on December 11 at 6pm. To register, email freguo@chgsb.edu.cn