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Dear Editor,

In his letter "Lure for foreign scholars" (TODAY 21 Sep), Mr Leong Sze Hian noted from media reports that the Public Service Commission (PSC) had reduced its scholarships from 253 to 39.

We would like to inform Mr Leong and your readers that the newspaper quoted had made an error in its report and had since corrected it.

The reason for the change in the number of PSC scholarships is due to the delegation of ministry-specific scholarships (e.g, teaching) to the ministries. The total number of public sector scholarships has however remained at 250 or more for the last 5 years.

We would also like to add that PSC scholarship applicants must be Singapore citizens or Singapore permanent residents with an intention to take up Singapore citizenship.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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