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RE: Economist Intelligence Unit Senior Analyst Position - Singapore Office

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Senior Analyst position at The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in Singapore. My Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, combined with my demonstrated experience in analyzing complex economic and geopolitical dynamics across Asia, aligns closely with EIU's mission of providing actionable intelligence to clients worldwide.

At the Becker Friedman Institute, I currently support research on macroeconomic dynamics and market expectations, where I assist in analyzing over 50 years of historical data on inflation, stock market valuations, and Treasury yields. This role has strengthened my ability to synthesize complex economic data and research findings into clear, actionable insights – a crucial skill for the Senior Analyst position. My work includes analyzing market data for inflation swaps, nominal Treasuries, and TIPS to help project CPI paths and extract market inflation expectations, demonstrating my capability to work with sophisticated financial instruments and economic indicators.

My deep engagement with Asian economic and political affairs began during my undergraduate years, where I founded and led the Triton Business Review. In this role, I regularly analyzed and wrote about pivotal developments in Asian economies, producing comprehensive analyses of significant regional developments including Japan's Abenomics policies, the US-China trade war, and China's economic transformation. My coverage extended to examining the intersection of economics and diplomacy, such as analyzing panda diplomacy as a tool of Chinese soft power and economic cooperation, and investigating patterns of regional economic resilience during the COVID-19 crisis. This experience honed my ability to connect economic trends with broader political and social developments – exactly the kind of multifaceted analysis that EIU is known for.

My participation in the International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise, hosted by the U.S. Army War College and the Pearson Institute, has provided me with unique insights into regional dynamics and strategic decision-making. As the Indonesian delegation head during the South China Sea crisis simulation, I gained firsthand experience in analyzing and navigating the complex interplay of economic interests and security concerns within ASEAN. Later, leading the Russian delegation during Arctic Circle negotiations enhanced my understanding of how economic and territorial interests shape international relations. These experiences demonstrated my ability to analyze complex regional dynamics and present strategic insights to diverse stakeholders – skills directly relevant to the Senior Analyst role.

My academic background has equipped me with strong theoretical foundations in international trade, banking, and capital markets. Key coursework in International Trade, Banking, and Capital Markets; Macro Finance; and Financial Markets and Institutions has provided me with sophisticated analytical frameworks for understanding Asian economies. Through courses in Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy and Macroeconomic Policymaking, I've developed a thorough understanding of how policy decisions impact economic outcomes – knowledge that would be valuable in providing insights to EIU's clients.

As a bilingual professional fluent in both English and Mandarin, I possess the cultural competency and communication skills necessary to analyze Asian markets effectively and engage with diverse stakeholders. My experience leading the Triton Business Review, where I grew our subscriber base to 8,000+ while maintaining a 40% engagement rate, demonstrates my ability to communicate complex economic insights to varied audiences.

What particularly draws me to this role at EIU is the opportunity to contribute to an organization that drives progress through analytical rigour and evidence-based insights. The position's emphasis on generating insightful, market-leading content aligns perfectly with my background in analyzing Asian economic developments and policy

changes. I am excited about the prospect of helping clients navigate complex economic landscapes while contributing to EIU's reputation for excellence in global economic analysis.

I possess the technical skills necessary for this role, including proficiency in economic modeling and data analysis using tools such as R and Python (including numpy, pandas, and scikit-learn libraries). My experience with statistical methods and economic analysis would enable me to contribute immediately to EIU's analytical capabilities while growing professionally within the team.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with EIU's needs and to elaborate on how I can contribute to your team's success in providing market-leading analysis of Asian economies. I am particularly interested in discussing how my combination of technical skills, regional expertise, and communication abilities could enhance EIU's analytical capabilities and client service.

Thank you for considering my application.

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Best regards,
Roger Lin

