



Dialogue of Civilizations: Building a Community of Shared Future for Mankind
Fifth Annual Conference of World Cultural Forum (Taihu, China)
Beijing, China, October 17-19, 2018

Letter of Invitation

Dear Mr. Nirj Deva,

You are cordially invited to the fifth annual conference of World Cultural Forum (Taihu, China) which is going to be held in Beijing, the capital city of China on **October 17-19, 2018**, with the theme of “**Dialogue of Civilizations: Building a Community of Shared Future for Mankind**”.

The conference is supported by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and Tourism, China Federation of Literary and Art Circles, and Counselors’ Office of the State Council, and sponsored by World Cultural Forum (Taihu, China) and China Daily, and jointly organized by Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs, the Palace Museum and Central Research Institute of Culture and History. Mr. Romano Prodi, former prime minister of Italy, serves as the honorary chairman of the forum.

World Cultural Forum (Taihu, China) is a high-level, non-governmental international cultural forum. It is also the only national non-governmental organization named after a forum and registered with the Ministry of Civil Affairs. With an executive board based in Beijing, the forum, since its initiation, has successfully held four annual conferences - in Suzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai and Macao, respectively - along with a number of important meetings and events at home and abroad with Chinese and foreign dignitaries attending and delivering speeches. All activities have received attention, support and active participation of people from all walks of life both at home and abroad covering over 60 countries and regions on five continents.

In a world laden with uncertainties and instability, no civilization alone can address the challenges shared by all mankind. When people across the world desire a clean and beautiful world of peace and development, openness and inclusiveness, lasting peace and universal security, as well as

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common prosperity, culture is expected to shoulder a fundamental, overarching, strategic responsibility in the long run. In light of this, the fifth annual conference, with the theme of “Dialogues of Civilizations: Building a Community of Shared Future for Mankind”, presents an opportunity for elites from various sectors in China and beyond to share ideas and learn from each other, contributing collective wisdom to the development of “universal civilization”.

For your remarkable achievements in relevant fields, we sincerely hope you can take time out of your tight schedule to attend the fifth annual conference and deliver a speech. As a speaker, you will be better placed to unreservedly share your insights and pinpoint cultural differences. Intercultural communication as such will help to enhance mutual understanding and expand common grounds, setting the stage for the dialogue and cooperation of civilizations.

You are kindly suggested to confirm your participation with the Organizing Committee of the Fifth Annual Conference as soon as possible. The Organizing Committee will be responsible for the costs of your round trip, board and lodging. Enclosed please find the conference agenda. (Contact information: Ms. GUO Fangzhou, E-mail: xmzx@thffc.com, Tel: +86-010-85325881, Fax: +86-010-65330796)

We look forward to seeing you in Beijing.

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