

(Translation)

December 23, 2009

Letter of Invitation

Dear Mayor _____,

The 41st World Exposition with the theme “Better City, Better Life” will be held in Shanghai next year. The Exposition, which allows peoples of different nationalities to gather and celebrate, is a strong message of universal development and prosperity. Under the leadership of the Chinese Central Government, and thanks to the generous support from the entire country and world, preparations for the Expo 2010 Shanghai China have been going on smoothly, and 193 countries and 49 international organizations have officially confirmed their participation to date.

As the first world exposition themed on city, Expo 2010 Shanghai China has given cities their own pavilions, and set aside an “Urban Best Practices Area” (UBPA) where cases presented by 14 sister-cities of Shanghai, among others, will be presented. I am fully convinced that such arrangements will enable cities to showcase various development paradigms, and demonstrate latest technologies for improving urban environment. The Exposition represents a golden opportunity to deliberate upon challenges arising from worldwide urbanization; seek solutions for sustainable development; inherit, protect and make best use of cultural heritage; build up awareness; and conduct extensive cooperation. Expo 2010, with its strong emphasis

on exchange and cooperation, echoes with the very purpose of our sister-city scheme of deeper understanding, closer ties, and economic and social advancement on both sides through enhanced collaboration. Both the upcoming Exposition and our sister-city activities share the same goal of promoting city-level cooperation, seeking common development, and creating a better future together.

After the reform and opening-up agenda was launched, the city of Shanghai has impressed the world with its dramatic economic and social progress, and its ever changing urban landscape. This would not be possible but for the great support from our twinned cities. In addition, I would also like to thank you personally for your deep understanding, sincere friendship and long term support.

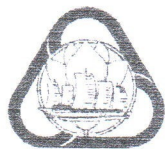
Therefore, I am writing this letter to cordially invite you to visit my city between May 1 and October 31, 2010. The Municipal Foreign Affairs Office will contact your office on my behalf to facilitate the visit.

I look forward to meeting you in Shanghai during the Exposition next year and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

With best regards,

HAN Zheng

Mayor of Shanghai & Vice Chairman of the National Organizing
Committee of the World Expo 2010 Shanghai China



上海市人民政府

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

邀 请 函

尊敬的市长先生/女士:

明年,以“城市,让生活更美好”为主题的第 41 届世界博览会将在上海举办,这将是世界各国人民相互交流、谋求共同发展和普遍繁荣的盛会。在中国政府的领导、全中国人民的努力以及国际社会的关心支持下,上海世博会各项筹备工作正在有序进行,目前已有 193 个国家和 49 个国际组织正式确认参展。

本届世博会首次以城市为主题,并且开创性地设立了城市馆,14 个上海的友好城市参加了“城市最佳实践区”的展示。相信这次世博会的举办将为展示世界各国城市发展的范例和改善城市环境的最新技术成果,关注全球城市化进程中所面临的问题,寻求城市可持续发展的道路,促进对城市文化遗产的保护、继承和发扬,提高市民认识,加强各方交流合作提供广阔的平台和众多机会。友好城市的交流与合作促进了两地人民的互相了解、加深了彼此的友谊,为各自城市的经济和社会发展作出了贡献。这种交往正符合本届世博会的主题,体现了促进城市合作、谋求共同发展、开创美好未来的精神。

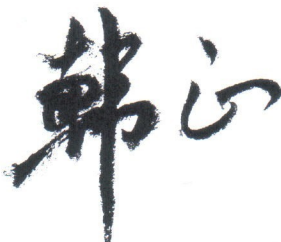
改革开放以来，上海的经济和社会发展取得了可喜的成绩，城市面貌发生了日新月异的变化。在这期间来自上海友好城市和友好交流关系城市各界的支持给了我们很大的帮助，其中也包括了您本人对我们深入的了解、诚挚的情谊和一贯的支持。

在此，我诚挚地邀请您于 2010 年 5 月 1 日至 10 月 31 日世博会在上海举办期间访问上海并参观上海世博会。我已指示我市外事办公室与您办公室联系访问安排事宜。

期待与您相逢 2010 上海世博会，并向您致以新年美好的祝愿！

上海市市长

2010 上海世博会组委会副主任委员

A large, bold, black handwritten signature in Chinese characters, which reads '韩正' (Han Zheng).

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