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Mr. Bent Hansen
President of Central Denmark Region,

Dear President Bent Hansen,

The 184-day 2010 World Expo Shanghai China has come to a successful closure. The hard work and dedication of every participant, visitor and the organizer made possible this successful, wonderful and unforgettable event. Looking back at those exciting days and nights, we want to express a sincere gratitude to all the international sister cities and the cities with friendly ties with Shanghai, including Central Denmark Region, for your active participation and great support.

Grounded in the theme “better city, better life”, the Expo gave a broad display to the splendid civilization, history and achievements of all the participating countries and cities, showcased multi-national and multi-ethnic arts, gathered ingenious ideas and creative minds of the humanity, and boosted our confidence for a beautiful life and bright future of the world. During the course of the Expo, we hosted 180 visiting delegations from our international sister cities and cities with friendly ties. In the greatly visited Urban Best Practice Area (UBPA), the first ever in the Expo history, 14 sister cities presented their respective cases, sharing experience in urban planning, technology innovation, culture advancement as well as low-carbon and green development. Many more organized varied wonderful events both in and out of the
Expo site, pulling together peoples from both sides, deepening mutual understanding and trust, and expanding the scope of cooperation. Also during the Expo period, Shanghai signed new agreements of exchange and cooperation with 12 international sister cities and cities with friendly ties, shaping the future for our further collaboration.

We find that the Expo will contribute to our cooperation with international sister cities and communication with cities across the world. We are now living in an urbanizing society, where more than half of the world’s population live in cities. While we enjoy the convenience urban life brings, we are also faced with attendant challenges. It is our hope that Shanghai will join hands with its international sister cities in sharing best practices, addressing difficulties and challenges, implementing the agreed initiatives, exploring innovative and sustainable ways of development, shaping a more harmonious life and building better cities.

Once again thank you for your great support and we are grateful for the active participation of Central Denmark Region at the Expo.

Yours truly,
Han Zheng(signed)
Mayor of Shanghai