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**INVITATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY TO COUNCILLOR ROBERT KOK**





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Vice-Chancellor and Principal

3 October 2016

Mr. Robert Kok  
Councillor  
City of Sydney  
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Dear Councillor Kok,

**Invitation to attend and speak at the launch ceremony of  
The University of Sydney's Centre in China**

The University of Sydney is delighted to invite you as a Guest of Honour to attend and speak at the launch of the University's Centre in China on 11 November.

The new centre, the first the University will establish as a major facility outside of Australia, will serve as a research and education hub for the University to increase intellectual exchange and collaboration between China and Australia. It demonstrates our ambition to be the leading University for intellectual engagement with China and the Asia-Pacific region more generally.

The launch ceremony consists of an opening ceremony from 11.30am to 12.45pm and a VIP lunch from 1pm to 2pm. We will hold both events at the University's Centre in the Suzhou Industrial Park.

Also as part of the launch celebration, a business forum, Sydney China Business Forum (Suzhou), will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Suzhou, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on 11 November. The Forum is anticipated to bring together over 200 University's alumni who have risen to become successful entrepreneurs and community leaders, as well as Chinese government representatives and leading Australian and Chinese academics. The event will be followed by networking drinks from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, also at the Sheraton Hotel.

The theme of the Forum will be *'Innovation, Disruptions and the Rebalancing China's Economy'*. Australian and Chinese speakers will provide unique case studies, insight into critical topics and their views on the way forward in light of the changes to China's economy based on their different perspectives. They will also offer predictions for the future, explore risks and discuss solutions and provide recommendations.

We would be honoured if you could give speech on behalf of the City of Sydney at the launch ceremony in the morning, from 11.30am to 12.45pm.



Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Susan Saretzki, Director, Government and Business Relations, on +61 (0)403 339 296 or [Susan.Saretzki@sydney.edu.au](mailto:Susan.Saretzki@sydney.edu.au) should your office wish to discuss this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Spence**  
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**Jeffrey Riegel**  
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