

Attachment A

**Invitation to the Smart China Expo in
Chongqing**

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May 24, 2019

2019 Smart China Expo Invitation Letter

Your Excellency Lord Mayor Clover Moore

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The Smart China Expo (SCE) is jointly organized by Ministry of Science and Technology of the PRC, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the PRC, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Engineering, China Association for Science and Technology and the Chongqing Municipal People's Government. It is an international grand gathering of smart industries with the largest scale, the highest standard and the richest content in China. The 1st SCE was held in August, 2018 in Chongqing. China's President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter while Vice Premier Han Zheng of the State Council attended the opening ceremony and delivered a keynote speech. Chongqing has been selected as a permanent site of SCE. The preeminent event has welcomed 20,000 guests, including dignitaries, scholars, and well-known entrepreneurs from over 30 countries and regions, such as Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Emeritus Senior Minister of Singapore, Mr. Rashid Alimov, SCO Secretary-General and Mr. Cristiano R. Amon, President of Qualcomm as well as exhibitors from 537 companies including Google, Microsoft, Intel, Siemens, Samsung, Huawei, Alibaba, Tencent and Baidu. The value of 501 projects signed during the event amounted to RMB 612 billion yuan.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of the Large-scale Western Development strategy. On 15th-17th April, 2019, President Xi Jinping paid an inspection tour to Chongqing and proposed that "Chongqing enjoys great development prospects thanks to its geographic advantages, sound ecological system, industrial strength, and enabling institutions". President Xi envisioned that "Chongqing should follow the Central Government's vision in pursuing its growth and make due contributions to China's development. It should continue to be an anchor of the Large-scale Western Development



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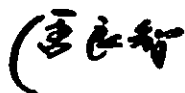
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Following President Xi Jinping's instructions, 2019 SCE will continue with the theme of "Smart Technology: Empowering Economy, Enriching Life", pooling insights and wisdom from across the world. 2019 SCE will attract more international participation, align with international standards, adopt new concepts in event-planning, and improve our services. With more foreign guests and exhibitors at higher levels, this year's event will exert a stronger international influence. It will focus on the global progress of smart technology, such as artificial intelligence (AI), big data, 5G, and blockchain. By then, over 100 events will be held including specialized forums, outcome presentations, and contests. It will secure more practical results by building up an efficient platform through business promotions to attract investment and to facilitate cooperation projects on smart technology. Moreover, the Expo will improve visitors' experience by demonstrating over 100 application scenarios, like smart finance, smart healthcare, smart education and smart transportation, showing what a better life would look like in the smart era.

The smart era is for collaborated innovation and shared benefits while SCE will serve as a platform for win-win cooperation. We are willing to work with various countries and international organizations to share the opportunities in the smart era and embrace together a brighter future for digital economy.

I hereby sincerely invite you and your organization to Chongqing in early Autumn this year. We believe that your presence will surely grace 2019 SCE.



Tang Liangzhi

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August 6th, 2019

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H. E. Mr. Robert Kok
Councillor of Sydney
Australia

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