

## "Mutual Learning Among Civilizations: Jointly Building A Community of Shared Future for Mankind"

## The Sixth Annual Conference of Taihu World Cultural Forum

October 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Bengbu, Anhui, China

## **Letter of Invitation**

## Distinguished Ms. Mehri Madarshahi:

In his congratulatory letter to the Fifth Annual Conference of Taihu World Cultural Forum on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping underscored the positive role of the Annual Conference to boost communication, foster consensus and deepen cooperation among participant parties and promote mutual learning among civilizations. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, President Xi Jinping pointed out that Taihu World Cultural Forum is an important platform to promote mutual understanding among civilizations and it is believed that the Forum will play a more significant role in enhancing dialogue and communications among different civilizations.

In order to promote dialogue and communications among different civilizations, from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, Taihu World Cultural Forum will hold the Sixth Annual Conference themed as "Mutual Learning Among Civilizations: Jointly Building A Community of Shared Future for Mankind" in China Bengbu Ancient Dwelling Expo Park located in Bengbu, Anhui Province--the permanent site for the Annual Conference.

This Annual Conference is sponsored by Taihu World Cultural Forum with the Republic of Azerbaijan as guest country of honor for dialogue; co-sponsored by China Federation of Literary and Art Circles, Anhui Provincial People's Government, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, China Daily and Italy Foundation for Global Partnership; and organized by Standing Council of Taihu World Cultural Forum, Bengbu Municipal People's Government, China National Center for Culture Studies (CASS) and Shanghai Xiangjiang Industrial Co. Ltd..

Taihu World Cultural Forum is a high-end, non-governmental Chinese forum on international culture. As the only nationwide organization titled as Forum authorized by Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China, the Forum aims to boost China-foreign cultural exchanges and promote mutual learning among civilizations. China Federation of Literary and Art Circles works as the executive unit of the Forum,

and the Forum's Standing Council sits in Beijing. Since its establishment in 2008, the Forum has held 5 annual conferences in Suzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Macau and Beijing respectively, and convened a series of meetings and events both at home and abroad including in Paris and Macau, etc., which were attended and addressed by many Chinese and foreign political leaders and dignitaries.

With the overlapping of the COVID-19 pandemic and global changes unseen in a century, combined with the accelerated evolution of world patterns, people worldwide more clearly recognized than ever before that the whole world is an indivisible community of shared future. In the face of emerging global challenges, we must work in line with the philosophy of community of shared future for mankind to press ahead cultural communications among different countries and regions on the basis of equality and mutual respect, leverage the unique role of culture in enhancing people-to-people communications and uniting everyone and replace conflicts among countries and civilizations with mutual learning among civilizations to provide great support to our concerted efforts to confront challenges and safeguard peace and development. It is also the major reason to set up the theme for this Annual Conference. The Annual Conference will invite Chinese and foreign politicians, experts and scholars, representatives from international organizations, enterprise pioneers, and media friends to conduct equal exchanges both online and offline from many different perspectives around the theme to make contributions to further promoting mutual learning among civilizations and cultural diversity of the world and strengthening world peace, prosperity, and sustainable development.

The Annual Conference of the Forum is an important activity for foreign cultural exchanges highly concerned and supported by the Chinese government. At that time, Chinese leaders will attend the conference. Foreign political leaders, former political leaders, and envoys and representatives from embassies to China will attend the meeting as well. In light of your salient achievements in relevant fields and important role in the academic and cultural communities, we earnestly invite you to attend this Annual Conference and give speech as a guest speaker at the Theme Forum Three "Building A Community of Shared Health for Mankind: Cultural Considerations On the Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic". The pandemic still looks grim globally. Therefore, we recommend you to attend the conference via video. If you kindly accept our invitation, please send the confirmation message to the organizing committee of the Sixth Annual Conference in the near future, so that our staff could discuss with you about detailed information including conferencing schedule, conferencing form (live/recorded), content and time for your speech, etc.. (Contact person: Ms. Song Yali, E-mail: tcfyfzx@126.com, phone number: +86-010-85325881, fax number: +86-010-655.50/96).

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We look forward to meeting you!