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Dear Prof. Xu,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to be a speaker in *The International Workshop on China and the World: Growth, ESG Outcomes and Impact Investment*, which will be held on 21 February 2023 (Tuesday) and hosted by the Centre for Sustainable Development Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University.

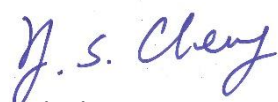
The last decade has witnessed significant changes in China's development strategy. Government plans and policies have put less emphasis on growth targets and more on the desirable economic, social and government (ESG) outcomes. As Chinese firms "go global", the ESG impacts on the hosting countries have also attracted much academic and policy interest. The Chinese government's guidelines for international aid and outward investment have been revised towards higher ESG requirements. This workshop aims to provide an opportunity for academics, policy researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas, share experiences and debates on how much China has achieved in various areas.

We would like to invite you to give a talk of about 20 minutes on a topic relevant to the theme of the workshop on 21 January. We would be honoured if you could visit our Centre on 22-23 January to explore opportunities for further collaboration with various parties on projects related to sustainable development. For your visit to Hong Kong, we will cover your airfare (economy), accommodation up to 4 nights (HK\$1,000/night) and a daily subsistence payment up to four days (HK\$1,200/day).

We would be thrilled to count on your participation in this event, and to feature your expertise on the topic. Please kindly let us know whether you will be able to join us and give the talk on or before 1 February 2023. Details of the workshop and related logistics will be provided in a later stage.

We look forward to your positive response.

Best wishes,



Yuk-shing CHENG

Director

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