

## Invitation to the First International Free Trade Zones Development Forum

Dear Sir/Madam,

China Council for the Promotion of International (CCPIT) and China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) present our highest compliments to your esteemed organization.

It would be a great honor for us to invite Your Excellency to attend the First International Free Trade Zones Development Forum (Hereinafter referred as “the Forum”), dated from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in Haikou City, Hainan Province.

Today’s world is experiencing a new round of profound development, transformation and readjustment. Increasingly-closed ties among nations require better trade facilitation, and consequently more free trade zones (hereinafter referred as “FTZs”) are being established. However, unilateralism and protectionism are also on the rise, along with many intensified instabilities, uncertainties, risks and challenges, impeding the multilateralism and free trade.

Aimed at adapting to the new trend of economic globalization and further promoting free trade, the Forum will be themed “**Creating Better Business Environment, Achieving New Heights of Free Trade**” and featured some certain issues of general concerns.

Around 800 representatives from government agencies, FTZs administrations, chambers of commerce and industry, institutions and business communities will conduct an in-depth, constructive and productive discussion over concerned issues in the array of rich programs during the 2-day forum.



We warmly welcome Your Excellency or senior representatives to participate in the Forum. And we are highly looking forward to your gracious presence with great significance.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm your participation before 28<sup>th</sup>, February, 2019. Should any further information is in need, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Annexes: 1. Tentative Agenda

2. Reply Form

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## Tentative Agenda

### March 18th 2019 (Monday)

- 09:00-10:00 Registration
- 10:00-10:30 Opening ceremony
- Speech by leader of People's Government of Hainan Province
  - Speech by Leader of China Council of for the Promotion of International Trade
  - Keynote Speech
- 10:30-11:20 Plenary Session I: Higher-level Opening-up: Internationalization and Facilitation
- 11:20-11:30 Tea Breaks
- 11:30-12:20 Plenary Session II: Better Business Environment: Fairness and Legalization
- 12:30-14:00 Luncheon
- 14:30-15:20 Parallel Session I: FTZs' Development Opportunities under Belt and Road Initiative
- 14:30-15:20 Parallel Session II: Enrich and Embrace FTA's Service Trade
- 15:20-16:10 Tea Breaks
- 16:10-17:00 Parallel Session III: Financial Innovation Accelerate FTZs' Progress
- 16:10-17:00 Parallel Session IV: FTZs' Diversities and Local Features
- 18:00-20:30 Gala Dinner

### March 19th 2019 (Tuesday)

- 10:00-11:30 Round-table Discussion on FTZs' Development
- 10:00-11:30 Business match making
- 11:40-11:50 Closing Ceremony
- 12:00-14:00 Luncheon
- Afternoon Business Tour