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## INVITATION

Distinguished Guests,

In accordance with Suzhou Guidelines for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries adopted in November 2015 by Prime Ministers of these countries, China Investment Forum 2016 will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, from November 14 to 16, 2016.

We should like to take this opportunity to make a contribution to one of major contemporary political initiatives, that is One Belt, One Road Initiative introduced by Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China.

The main topic of the CIF 2016 will be **“ONE BELT, ONE ROAD” INITIATIVE AS AN EFFECTIVE PLATFORM FOR 16+1 COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT** and other challenges and opportunities brought about by Suzhou Guidelines for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries with focus on mutual investments, business and many others.

CIF 2016 will be held under the auspices and at presence of Miloš ZEMAN, President of the Czech Republic, and Bohuslav SOBOTKA, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. For the Chinese part, the auspices has been presented by SONG Tao, Minister of the International Department of the CPC, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC and Secretary General of Secretariat for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries. The organizers are therefore utmostly devoted to the event and proud to announce that the keynote speakers will be, in addition to President and Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, important persons from the Czech Government and political scene as well as from other Central and Eastern European countries.

CIF 2016 is organized by the Czech China Chamber of Collaboration on the Czech part, whereas it is organized by China Economic Cooperation Center on the Chinese part.

We expect that the Prague Castle as the Czech presidential seat will host over 250 guests from the PRC and over 500 guests from Central and Eastern Europe including the Czech Republic.

The programme will comprise of panel discussions with prominent representatives of governments and industries from attending countries. Furthermore, this year will see organized B2B meetings and round-table discussions.

The guests are expected to arrive on 14 November 2016. The departures are scheduled for 16 November 2016.

For this period of time the organisers shall provide accommodation in the official CIF 2016 hotels, catering on CIF 2016 events and transport between the official CIF 2016 hotels and venues for the participants free of charge. The official languages are Czech, Chinese and English.

Please find the event programme in the enclosure. The registration will be open from 19 September to 14 October 2016. It will be proceeded in two steps. First, those interested in participation will register at [www.czechchina.com/cif](http://www.czechchina.com/cif) and the Organisational Committee will evaluate the applications. The applicant will be then notified whether the application was proceeded. Partners for B2B meetings can be selected at the same interface.

Furthermore, I would like to ask for your kind assistance with sharing the information about CIF 2016 registration with entrepreneurs from your country. Please see [www.czechchina.com/cif](http://www.czechchina.com/cif) for further information The head contact person for the Czech party is Ms. Eva Harapesová, Vice President of the Czech China Chamber of Collaboration, e-mail [eva.harapesova@czechchina.com](mailto:eva.harapesova@czechchina.com), phone +420 725 511 335.

Distinguished guests,

I am taking the liberty to invite you to this important event in cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries.

I believe that you attending the CIF 2016 will show that that the PRC and Central and Eastern European Countries are ready to further develop the 16+1 platform.

Respectfully and with best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaroslav". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the bottom and a horizontal line at the top.

**Jaroslav Tvrđík**

**Envoy of President of the Czech Republic for Czech-Chinese Relations**

**President of the Czech China Chamber of Collaboration**