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Harbin Initiative

Today's event the 2019 An Appointment with Winter in Harbin - Mayors' Conference, hosted by Harbin Municipal People's Government, brings together 23 cities representatives from 15 countries.

During the event, under the theme Share Experience of International Cooperation for All-round development of Cities, we had in-depth discussions and reached broad consensus on friendship and cooperation among cities.

We come to the conclusion that international exchanges among cities serve as an important bridge and bond for the communication and cooperation among countries worldwide as well as the social and economic growth and greater prosperity of cities. Hence, we jointly propose that.

I. As exchanges among international cities deepen, we should enhance the mutual understanding and friendship, share the experience of success and increase the fruits of exchanges in the development philosophy of openness, inclusiveness and mutual benefits. II. In spite of different national and municipal realities as well as the development issues, we share the same vision on greater well-being of our people and mutually beneficial cooperation. Meanwhile, we should improve the contact channels, cultivate interaction resources and develop cooperation forms and new growth drivers, so as to break a new path and expand new frontiers for future growth of cities.

III. We wish to strengthen exchanges and cooperation in the following means:

(I) We will build and publicize an open window and contacts of cities for more contact channels and broad friend circle of cooperation.

(II) We will make use of exhibitions on festivals and holidays as well as the brand events to create an international exchange platform joined by various parties.

(III) We will, while considering available resources and cultural characteristics, redouble the efforts on publicizing our cities for better mutual understanding among our peoples.

(IV) We will share experience on city governance for the research and solution to our common problems.

(V) We will focus on well-being of our people and cities' development while promoting long-term and practical cooperation among cities.

(VI) We will enhance the cooperation among cities in such areas as trade, science and technology, culture, tourism and finance. The city of Harbin stands ready to facilitate the cooperation and create the greater complementarity between the superior resources and market demand for mutual benefits and development.

We wish to highly commend and extend our heartfelt appreciation to all participants for your interest and support. Furthermore, we are fully confident to deepen international cooperation among our cities.

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