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Mr Ian Fok Chun-Wan Chairman WCEC Secretariat The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (HK) The CGCC Building 24-25 Connaught Road, Central HONG KONG

Dear Mr Fok,

## Re: World Chinese Entrepreneurs Conference – WCEC in Sydney 2013

I write to extend my personal support for Sydney and the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry to host the 2013 World Chinese Entrepreneurs Conference in Sydney.

The City of Greater Sydney, which includes Western Sydney and its de facto capital, the City of Parramatta, is home to one of the largest immigrant Chinese communities in the world. This is primarily because Sydney is not only the international home of a multicultural community, but also a natural home for commerce as well as for vibrant families – two of the most important elements of attracting Chinese immigrants and visitors.

Even centuries prior to colonisation in 1788, the Chinese have visited and explored Australia with the expectation of trade. It is in this vein that Sydney is an ideal location for the 2013 World Chinese Entrepreneurs Conference, and for the natural bilateral trade and exchange to continue and prosper.

As a Chinese descendent now an Australian, it is with pride that I share with you the significant strides made through the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry as well as the local Chinese-Australian community in terms of expanding exchanges between Australia, China and the world. And in recent years, Sydney has played host to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum in 2007, as well as World Youth Day in 2008. In 2010, the Lions Club Convention and the Forbes World Leaders Forum will also see a significant participation of Chinese representatives. These demonstrate that Sydney has the ability to make any international event worthwhile.

I sincerely wish you and your WCEC Secretariat well and ask that you favour Sydney as the next venue for your conference. And while in Sydney, it would be an honour to meet you and your delegates.

Yours sincerely,

Clr Chiang Lim
Deputy Lord Mayor

City of Parramatta