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WCEC Secretariat
The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (HK)
The CGCC Building
24-25 Connaught Road, Central
HONG KONG

Dear Secretariat,

On behalf of Parramatta City Council, I am delighted to write this letter in support of the Sydney bid to host the World Chinese Entrepreneurs Conference in Sydney in 2013.

Home to a large Chinese-Australian community, Sydney is a leading centre of cultural exchange and commercial trade with China and Chinese communities, throughout the Asia-Pacific region and around the globe.

Ranking among the top globally connected cities, particularly within the Asia-Pacific region, Sydney has a GDP on par with Shanghai and Singapore and enjoys an enviable reputation for natural beauty, cultural attractions, access and infrastructure.

As Australia's international visitor flag-bearer and the preferred destination of business travellers and tourists from Eastern Asia, Sydney welcomes 2.6 million international visitors annually, of which 300,000 arrive from China and Hong Kong.

Sydney also has an exemplary record for hosting major international conferences and events, as demonstrated by the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum in 2007 and World Youth Day in 2008.

As the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, one of the largest Local Governments in Sydney, I enthusiastically support closer economic engagement with China and I look forward to leading a trade mission to Beijing, Shanghai and Yiwu in September this year.

I sincerely wish you and the WCEC Secretariat well and ask that you look favourably on Sydney's bid to host your conference in 2013. I look forward to having the pleasure of meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Paul Garrard
LORD MAYOR
PARRAMATTA