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September 19, 2017

Sent by Email (No Original to Follow)

Councillor Minnan-Wong@toronto.ca

Denzil Minnan-Wong Councillor for Ward 34 100 Queen Street West, Suite C55 Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Minnan-Wong:

Re: Sponsored Travel provided by Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government and Foreign Affairs of the Shenzhen People's Government for Your Trip to Zhengzhou, China and Shenzhen, China, May 12 – May 21, 2017

Thank you for providing me with the above-referenced Travel Declaration Form. With respect to the above-noted trip, I confirm that the travel related benefits you have disclosed are in compliance with section (f) of Article IV (Gifts and Benefits) of the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council* as travel was sponsored by a government organization and you attended in your official capacity as a Councillor.

I form this view based on my review of:

1) the Travel Declaration Form dated August 8, 2017;

2) A March 21, 2017 letter from Huang Qing (Deputy Mayor of Zhengzhou) inviting you to attend the city of Zhengzhou, China

3) Two April 21, 2017 letters from Ai Xuefeng (Vice Mayor of Shenzhen) and Tan Fuying (Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government) inviting you to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair in Shenzhen, China; and,

4) Letters indicating the cost of your airfare, ground transportation and hotel accommodations.

This letter, the Travel Declaration Form, and attached supporting material will be posted on the Integrity Commissioner's website, <u>toronto.ca/integrity</u>, in accordance with the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council*.

If you have any questions about the disclosure of gifts and benefits please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Yours truly.

#### Authorizing Signature Removed

Valerie Jepson Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (4):

Travel Declaration Form for Zhengzhou and Shenzhen, China

(2 pages)

March 21, 2017 invitation letter (3 pages) April 21, 2017 invitation letters (5 pages)

Letters indicating cost of airfare, ground transportation, and hotel

accommodations (2 pages)

cc:

Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services Winnie Li, Director, Strategic Integration and Excellence

Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk

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This form is used in the declaration of travel costs provided by a third party for Council Members in the performance of their duties if the value exceeds \$300, or if total value received from any one source during a calendar year exceeds \$300.

INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

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Council Member:	Denzil Minnan-Wong
Purpose of Trip:	Altend the Chinal Shenzhan) International Cultural Industri Fair CICIFS and meeting with government officials in Guar China, cities of Shenzhen, Zhengzhou and Guangzhou 2nangzhou, Chin
Travel Destination:	China, cities of Shenzhen, Zhengzhou and Guangzhou 2002, China
Travel Dates:	May 12, 2017 to May 21, 2017
Additional Information:	
Travel Expenses Cov	vered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)
Sponsor of Travel:	Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government Name: Foreign Affairs of the Shenzhon People's Government Type of Sponsor (check all that apply):  Government Other organization Conference Organizer
Registration Fees:	\$N/A
Travel: (CAD)	\$5,645.24 (AD
Accommodation: (RMB)	\$ 2,476 (RHB)-FORETON AFFATES OF THE SHENZHEN CONT. 7,200 (RHB)-Zhengzhau Municipal People's Goril
Ground Transportation: (2HB)	\$3,600 - FASPG 6,400 RMB - ZMTPG
Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 5,645.24 CAD+19,676.00 RMB
	Converted Amount as of Sep 14:
Expenses Paid from Council Business Travel Budget	\$ \$3667.33 CAD
Expenses Paid from Constituency Services & Office Budget or the annual operating budget for the Office of the Mayor	\$ 2,233 <sup>87</sup>
Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources	\$571.75 Source: Economic Development
copies of receipts, etc.)  Authori  Remove	izing Signature
Signed by Council Member:	Date:

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, ss. 157 and 159, and By-Laws 1076-2006, 154-2007 and 861-2008. The information is used to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and will be made public. The information will be provided to the Office of the City Clerk to report the donation as a Gift and Benefit. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Integrity Commissioner, 375 University Avenue, Suite 202, Toronto ON M5G 2J5, at 416-392-3826, or at <a href="mailto:integrity@toronto.ca">integrity@toronto.ca</a>.



#### **Important Information**

This form will be publicly disclosed in accordance with Article IV of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

The Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Part IV, Gifts and Benefits, states that no Member shall accept a fee, advance, gift or personal benefit that is connected directly or indirectly with the performance of his or her duties of office, unless permitted by the exceptions listed. The following is listed as an exception:

(f) food, lodging, transportation and entertainment provided by provincial, regional and local governments or political subdivisions of them, by the Federal government or by a foreign government within a foreign country, or by a conference, seminar or event organizer where the Member is either speaking or attending in an official capacity;

This form will serve as a disclosure statement required by the Code.

Upon receiving the Travel Declaration from the Council Member, the Integrity Commissioner shall review the form to determine whether the gift is permissible. In the event that the Integrity Commissioner makes that preliminary determination, he or she shall call upon the Member for clarification. Should the Integrity Commissioner determine that the gift was not permitted, he or she may direct the Member to reimburse the sponsor for the value.

Questions can be addressed to:

Integrity Commissioner

416-392-3826 integrity@toronto.ca

Completed and signed form should be submitted to: The Office of the Integrity Commissioner

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#### **Authority & Guidelines**

Part IV of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council. Available at www.toronto.ca/integrity.

# 郑州市人民政府

March 21,2017

Mr. Denzil Minnan-Wong
Deputy Mayor, City of Toronto
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M5H 2N2
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Re: Invitation to Zhengzhou City

Dear Denzil Minnan-Wong,

I am so honored and pleased to write this letter to send my sincere greetings to you on behalf of 9.57million Zhengzhou citizens and Zhengzhou Government.

I am glad to know that you will pay a visit to China in the middle of May. On behalf of Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government,I would like to invite you and your friends to Zhengzhou during your visit in China to promote our mutual understanding and enhance our exchanges and cooperation. We hope that your visit may create more opportunities for both of our cities and people. And, we will be very glad to discuss the possibility of creating friendly exchange cities between Toronto

# 郑州市人民政府

and Zhengzhou during your stay in Zhengzhou.

Zhengzhou, as the capital of Henan Province, is not only the important key city in Central China, but also being ratified as the National Central City by the state council just now. It is the major hub of comprehensive transportation in China with a total area of 7446 sq kilometers, including highway, railway, express railway, telecommunication and aviation. Zhengzhou is also one of the collecting and distributing centers of goods in China. Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange (ZCE) is the first pilot futures market approved by the State Council and one of the four futures exchanges in China. Zhengzhou Airport Economic Zone is the first national airport experiment zone in China. Zhengzhou is also the most important part of China (Henan) Pilot Free Trade Zone. With the further opening-up of our city, we really value the opportunity to cooperate and exchange with Toronto, the world metropolis.

Last, but not the least, cordially welcome again to Zhengzhou. Weare looking forward to meeting you in May of this year.

We also offer to pay for all of your travel and accommodation expenses from Toronto to Zhengzhou.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office Ms Jian Lu @ or email:

Email Address Removed

# 郑州市人民政府

Sincerely yours,

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Huang, Qing
Deputy Mayor of Zhengzhou
#233 West Zhongyuan Road, Zhengzhou,
China, 450007

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Email: Email Address Removed

## 深圳市人民政府外事办公室 FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF SHENZHEN MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

(Translation)

April 21, 2017

Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Canada

Dear Mr. Denzil Minnan-Wong,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to visit our city in May 2017. If your schedule allows, I would like to invite you to attend the Liaisons Conference for International Departments of Friendship Cities and the 13th China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair (ICIF), which are scheduled to be held in Shenzhen from May 9-12 and May 11-15 respectively, with a view to stepping up the exchanges and cooperation between our two cities.

I am informed that Mr. Robert Faissal, Vice President of Business Development & Government Relations, Cricket Energy, will be traveling with you to Shenzhen. His presence at these events is also warmly welcomed.

I look forward to meeting with you in Shenzhen.

Sincerely,

Ai Xuefeng
Vice Mayor
The City of Shenzhen

## 深圳市人民政府外事办公室 FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF SHENZHEN MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

#### 尊敬的先生/女士:

我很高兴地告诉您,我们将于2017年5月9日至12日在深圳举办国际友城联络员会议,诚挚希望贵市选派政府国际关系部门负责对外交流合作及与我市联络的1-3位官员或主要联络员来深出席。

此次国际友城联络员会议主题为"交流友城工作经验,探讨友城务实合作"。除会议外,我们还将组织与会嘉宾出席第十三届中国(深圳)文化产业博览交易会,考察深圳科技创新型企业,并与企业面对面交流,实地了解深圳最新发展情况。具体日程安排详见附件。

此次会议的主办方深圳市人民政府外事办公室将负担 代表团在深期间的食宿、交通及参观游览费用,国际旅费和 保险费由代表团自理。我们衷心希望贵市届时派代表团前来 深圳访问,进一步推动双方的友好交流和务实合作。

参会报名截止日期为 2017 年 4 月 14 日,请在回复报名邮件时提供代表团人员名单、抵离方式和时间、5 张高清城市图片以及城市宣传视频。谢谢支持与配合。

顺致敬意。

深圳市人民政府外事办公室副巡视员

2017年3月27日

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附件:

# 日程安排

2017年5月9日(星期二)

全 天 各友城代表陆续抵达深圳 各地区处友城联络员与代表对接

晚 上 出席市外办欢迎晚宴

2017年5月10日(星期三)

上 午 参访深圳外国语学校、深圳大学

下 午 参观大疆、锦绣中华民俗文化村

2017年5月11日(星期四)

上 午 出席第十三届文博会开幕论坛,参观文博会主会场

下 午 与深商联合办友城代表和深圳企业对接会

2017年5月12日(星期五)

上 午 出席深圳国际友城联络员会议

下 午 参观文博会宝安分会场茶阅世界 并陆续离深,市外办各友城联络员送行

2017年5月13日(星期六)

个别各友城代表离深



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the 2017 Liaisons Conference for International Departments of Friendship Cities is to be held in Shenzhen from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>. We are honored to invite one to three officials / liaison officers from the international relations department of your esteemed city to attend this wonderful event.

The theme of the conference is "Sharing work experience on friendship cities & furthering practical cooperation with each other". Apart from the conference, we would also like to invite you to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair and to visit local high-tech enterprises and to meet with representatives from different industries. We hope this will provide you with a good networking opportunity and better insights on Shenzhen's latest development. Please kindly find the enclosed the detailed program of the event.

As our courtesy practice, Shenzhen FAO, organizer of the event, will provide local transportation, accommodation and catering, with each participating delegation only taking care of the international travel



expenses and insurances. The participation of your city's delegation

in this conference is warmly welcomed and we sincerely hope that

this event will further facilitate the friendly exchanges and practical

cooperation between Shenzhen and our valued friendship cities.

We would appreciate it if you could kindly send back to us the name

list of your participating delegation, time and means of arrival and

departure, five high-definition photographs of your city as well as a

publicity video clip for your city by April 14th 2017. Thank you

again for your support.

With my best respects!

Ms. TAN Fuying

Deputy Director General, Foreign Affairs Office of Shenzhen

Municipal People's Government

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# 郑州市归国华侨联合会

### ZHENGZHOU RETURNED OVERSEAS CHINESE FEDERATION

Date: 13th, June, 2017

Anna Miller
Executive Assistant
Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong
100 Queen St.West
2nd Floor,Suite C55
M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Miller,

# Re:Cost of Accommodation, Catering and Ground Travel

This letter is to confirm that the Zhengzhou Returned Overseas Chinese Federation assumed the cost for Deputy Mayor Minnan-Wong's accommodation, catering and ground transportation when he travelled to Zhengzhou in May,2017.

The cost of his accommodation and catering was 7200 RMB. The cost of his ground transportation was 6400 RMB, as well as the cost of the flight tickets was 5645.24C\$.

Sincerely yours.

Authorizing Signature Removed

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Chairwoman of

Zhengzhou Returned Overseas Chinese Federation

### 深圳市人民政府外事办公室 FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF SHENZHEN MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

Anna Miller
Executive Assistant
Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong
100 Queen St. West
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite C55
M5H 2N2

Dear Anna Miller,

#### Re: Costs of Accommodation, Catering and Ground Travel

This letter is to confirm that the Foreign Affairs Office of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government assumed the costs of Deputy Mayor Minnan-Wong's accommodation, catering and ground transportation when he travelled to Shenzhen in May, 2017.

The cost of his accommodation and catering was RMB 2,476. The cost of his ground transportation was RMB 3,600.

Sincerely,

Protocol Division

Foreign Affairs Office

Shenzhen Municipal People's Government

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