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**Your Excellency Mr. Dr. Lutz Trümper**  
**Lord Mayor of Magdeburg, Germany**

Dear Mr. Dr. Lutz Trümper,

I would like to, on behalf of the 10 million Harbin citizens, express my sincerest greetings to you and your citizens in this lovely summer season.

The year of 2019 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harbin's first official sister city relationship. Since its first twinning with Niigata, Japan, Harbin has been building its sister city network from scratch to one involving 35 cities from 27 countries today. Through this network, we share our dreams and opportunities and promote common development among sister cities. It is especially worth noting that the friendly relationship between our two cities has only grown stronger over time with bilateral cooperation progressing and yielding fruits. We together have made accomplishments in improving the level of our sister city relationship.

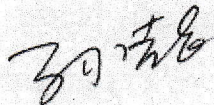
Nowadays, China's reform and opening-up course is faced with new tasks and challenges, which assigns us new historical missions of advancing cooperation between sister cities. To foster friendship, cooperation and win-win development among our 35 sister cities, we are building this new platform by hosting the China · Harbin International Sister City Conference during the Ice and Snow Festival, which will be held from January 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in 2019.

We are honored to extend this invitation to you to attend this event. The conference will include activities such as Mayor Roundtable, Business Match-making, Specialty Exhibition, Art Shows, Sports Contests, Ice-snow Tour and Food Experience. We hope that all could share experience and tap the potential to seek more common interests that are beneficial to all.

Further details on the arrangement of the conference will be followed timely by Harbin Foreign Affairs Office.

We look forward to meeting you in next January in Harbin.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sun Zhe' in Chinese characters, written in a cursive style.

Sun Zhe

Mayor of Harbin, P.R. China