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Letter of Invitation
for
The Fifth China Lawyers Forum

We are pleased to invite you to attend the Fifth China Lawyers Forum to be held in Tianjin, China, from November 3rd to 5th, 2005. The forum is hosted by Tianjin Municipal Government and All China Lawyers Association, with administrative assistance from the Ministry of Justice of China. The theme of this forum is the creation of a harmonious society and the development of the bar.

Originated in 2001, China Lawyers Forum has been successfully hosted by four cities -- Kunming, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hefei, and has developed into a forum of the largest scale, highest standards, and widest influence in China.

The Fifth China Lawyers Forum is featured by its international participation, openness, frontier topics, and authoritative representation. The forum will be interactive, pragmatic and participatory, where you exchange ideas, confront arguments, compare notes, and display your culture.

Participants include lawyers from all provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of China, representatives of related professions and businesses, well-known experts and scholars in law and economics, representatives of bar associations and related bodies from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions and the rest of Asia, Europe and America, representatives of foreign law offices in China, representatives from multinationals and large enterprises, as well as former government dignitaries. It is estimated that 1,000 delegates will be present.

The Forum will provide an opportunity for all participants to exchange views and

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ideas on topics related to the development of the bar. A welcoming dinner party with entertainment will be held by the host -- Tianjin Municipal Government, and the organizers -- Tianjin Bureau of Justice and Tianjin Bar Association to facilitate the interaction.

We hope the Fifth China Lawyers Forum will be a rewarding and exciting experience for you. We welcome you to Tianjin, a dynamic, charming coastal city that represents unlimited potentials and with a contemporary outlook.

If you are interested, we will send you a formal letter of invitation together with the agenda. You are welcome to participate and give a presentation in the forum. If you intend to speak, please indicate your topic and provide a copy of your presentation in advance. We are pleased to offer any service you need.

We look forward to meeting you at the Fifth China Lawyers Forum and appreciate your support to the development of the Chinese bar.

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The Fifth China Lawyer Forum Tianjin · China

Originated by the All China Lawyers Association, the Fifth China Lawyer Forum as an annual event in China lawyer fraternity began in 2001. Tianjin will welcome the Fifth China Lawyer Forum in November 2005, which on the occasion Tianjin will deliver enormous vitality to the Forum through its openness and diversity.

General introduction of Tianjin Lawyer Fraternity

The Fifth China Lawyer Forum is a platform which converge legal cultures, creativity, excellent persons with special skills and ability; a stage for exchanging views and advanced experience. The Forum has attracted much attention and obtained great support and been highly regarded by Ministry of Justices of China and governments which were prior hosts from 2001 to 2004. The first Forum, held in Kunming, the main topic of which was management and development of lawyer fraternity under WTO background. The second Forum, held in Shanghai, mainly discussed lawyers' positioning and legal service brand. The third Forum held in Guangzhou, concentrated on development and criterion of legal service of China lawyers. In Hefei, the fourth Forum focused on improvement of legal vocation. With the above development, China Lawyer Forum has been playing a significant role with its largest scale, high standard as well as wide-spread influence in China lawyer fraternity.

The Fifth China Lawyer Forum in 2005

With administrative support of Ministry of Justices of China, hosted by the Government of Tianjin and All China Lawyers Association, the Fifth China Lawyer Forum will take place in Tianjin from 3 to 5 November, 2005. The main topic is "establishment of a harmonious society and development of Bar". Aiming at "*international, open-minded, progressive and authoritative*", the Forum emphasizes experience exchanging and culture showing for legal professionals, which is characterized by *openness, creativity and effective communication*.

The Forum intends to be an ideal platform which offers a great opportunity for cooperation and exchanging views for lawyers from all over the world. The attendees comprise representatives of Chinese lawyers from each province, city, municipality of China and relevant vocations; delegates from enterprises, famous experts and specialists in the field of law and economy, representatives from Hongkong, Macao, Taiwan, American, European and Asian Bar association and related organizations,

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foreign law firms, MNCs, large enterprises as well as important government officials from all over the world. The Forum dedicates to provide a great opportunity for all attendees to exchange views and professional experience on interested points related to the development of legal fraternity they all concerned.

Lots of medium of Tianjin and central government such as the *Xinhua News Agency*, *Qiushi Journal*, *Caijing*, *Renmin Ribao*, *Legal Daily*, *CCTV*, at that time, will draw attention to the Forum and focus on hot points and progress deep and special reports from various angles of view.

We hope the Fifth China Lawyer Forum can attract more attention and arouse more passion! We also welcome overseas friends to Tianjin, a dynamic, charming coastal city which represents unlimited potential with contemporary outlook!

We look forward to meeting you in the Fifth China Lawyer Forum in Tianjin!

An overview of Tianjin Lawyers

With rapid development of economy and improvement of legal environment, Tianjin is coruscating unlimited vigor. Tianjin at present has developed 223 law firms in different forms and over 2000 lawyers totally.

Geographic advantage, rapid economic development as well as cultural deposits, enable Tianjin lawyers to become more competent and open-minded. A large-scaled, professional law firms with good credit are constantly emerging, yet rich in numerous talent lawyers who master policies, foreign languages, economy, and technology with comprehensive education background in finance, engineering, chemistry, industry, information and intellectual property area and so on. Among them, 73% lawyers have received their bachelor or master degrees, 125 lawyers obtained Master degrees or double bachelor degrees, 9 lawyers achieved PHD, over 100 lawyers have experiences of studying abroad.

Over the years, Tianjin lawyers have been striving for high-quality legal services and the scope of professional services have been extended to each area of market economy. Being familiar with international practice, Tianjin lawyers are competent to provide legal services in business area such as international trade, foreign investment and international finance and have made a great contribution towards the reform and the opening up. Tianjin lawyers are working hard for providing high quality legal services for various clients both domestic and overseas with excellent skills and active

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participation.

In addition, Tianjin lawyers have successfully developed a series of effective communication and cooperation with many foreign law firms. Some of them have established branches and offices at home and overseas, foreign law firms are also interested in establishing their representative offices or branches in Tianjin. With improvement of quality of lawyer, management of legal profession, Tianjin lawyers are becoming more and more competent. Tianjin J.D.Hands Fred Kan law firm and Hongkong Jianjiacong law firm signed a cooperation agreement which made it become one of three domestic law firms that signed cooperation agreements with Hongkong law firms. Over 80 law firms kept relationships with legal organizations such as European, American, Hongkong, Macao and Taiwan, acting on behalf of clients for numerous legal issues or entrusting foreign lawyers on behalf of clients for solving such matters.

Brief introduction of Tianjin

➤ Geographical Position

Tianjin, the largest costal city of North China and the economic center of Bohai Area, is one of the four municipalities directly under the central government of China. It is located between 38°33' N and 40°15'N, 116°42'E and 118° 03'E, covering an area of 11900 sq km. Tianjin is situated in the northeastern part of North China Great plain and in the downstream of Haihe River, with Bohai sea to the east, the Yanshan Mountains to the north and Beijing to the east, in which the five tributaries of Haihe River converge.

The territory of Tianjin is about 900 km in circumference, with 152.8 km long coastline. Tianjin is only 120 km away from Beijing, which has become the gateway of the capital city. Situated in the centre area of Bohai region, Tianjin is also the hub of communication of North China with an active influence on 13 circumjacent provinces or cities and based on North China, Northeast and Northwest China bordering Southeast Asian, which has become economic center in the north of China. Thanks to the convenient transportation, Tianjin Port has become the largest one in the north of China, which has close trade relationship with over 300 ports in more than 170 countries and regions around the world. Tianjin is the shortest east starting point connecting Eurasia Land Bridge within China boundary. The throughput of Tianjin Port over fulfilled 0.2 billion tons and reached 3.815 millions standard containers. Tianjin BinHai International Airport is one of the largest-scale modern

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international airports in China and has more than 40 air routes for both domestic and overseas.

➤ History of Tianjin

Tianjin region formed its shape when the Great Channel of Sui Dynasty was dug. In the second year of Ming Yongle Dynasty (A.D.1404) the city was garrisoned. From then on Tianjin has been established. Since 17th century, the economy and community in Tianjin have experienced a further development and scale of the city has been enlarged continually. In 1860 it was approved to be a commercial port, its industry output and volume of port trade was only second to Shanghai, which made it become the second largest industrial and commercial city and the biggest financial as well as trade center in the north of China. Tianjin played a significant role in modern history in China. The city governs 18 districts and towns with 10,113,000 permanent residents.

➤ Rich in resources

Rich in natural resources, Tianjin now has over 30 kinds of explored metal mineral, nonmetal mineral, fuel and geothermal resources. Of the metal mineral, manganese and boron are firstly explored in Tianjin and are rare in the world. Nonmetals mineral are: limestone, marble, natural stone and so on. Fuel resources are: petroleum, natural gas and coal, it is only in Bohai that storage amount of discovered petroleum reaches over 400 million and storage amount of natural gas is over 150 billion cubic meters. There are 10 geothermal resources with value of exploration and extraction. It is the largest middle-low temperature geothermal field in China so far. The total reserve of heat water is 300 million cubic meters. Additionally, the city is also rich in marine resources, mainly including sea salt, petroleum and fishes and so on.

➤ Places of cultural interest and tourism resources

Tianjin is well known for its long history and culture, and rich in tourism resources, including 37 major historical and cultural sites under state and city protection. Interesting places include famous ancient standard geological section, natural secondary forest protective area and numerous historical remains, sites and cultural relic. The city has formed tourism attraction of the downtown sightseeing spot along the Haihe River, cultural relic as well as the memorial location of the revolutionary struggle; entertainment area in Tanggu characterized by harbor, salt plant and oil field, *Jifu* aircraft carrier and famous *Orient Princess* luxury ship; Jixian County sightseeing



district noted for natural scenic spots and cultural relic.

Built in the country town of Jixian during the Sui Dynasty, Dule Temple is the oldest standing wooden structure with over 1000-year history. The Great Wall of Huangyaguan Mountain Pass is always popular for domestic and overseas visitors. Mount Pan Shan, as natural scenery in Jixian, is covered with exuberant forest and rich in historical and scenic spots. It has been recognized as one of the great scenic spots of China and known as “the First Mountain of East Beijing”. In addition, it has Heavenly Empress Temple, Confucian Temple, Grand Mosque, Dabei Zen Temple, Dagukou battlement, Seaview Tower, Canton Guild Hall and Memorial location of Zhou Enlai revolutionary struggle. Newly built Zhou Enlai and Deng Yingchao Memorial Hall, Museum of the Beijing-Tianjin Campaign, Tianjin Museum of Science and Technology are regarded as bases for patriotism education and learning technology for young people. There are 530000 collections in Tianjin museum and memorial and 1000 are recognized as first-class and second-class culture relic.

Tianjin's architecture is particularly unique, with a combination of traditional and western style, which is known as the “World Museum of Architecture”. It is indeed rare in one city even in China or world that a variety of architectures representing different styles can be well reserved and protected.

➤ Folk art and local delicacies

The four traditional folk arts making in Tianjin enjoy high reputation around the world. “*The Zhang Family of Painted Clay Figurine Moulders*” is well known for its lifelike style and strong decorative characteristic in China. *Yang Liu Qing New Year Pictures* are well received by international friends, which are called “*Nan Tao Bei Liu*” together with the *Taohuawu Woodblock New Year Prints* in Suzhou. Moreover, “*Wei Kite*”, “*Liu Carved Bricks*” as well as “*Tianjin Carpet and arras*” are famous in the world.

There are various kinds of special food in Tianjin. *Gou-bu-li stuffed dumplings*, *Fried dough twist* and *Er-duo-yan fried cakes* are popular among domestic and foreign guests for exquisite and perfect skills.

➤ Vigorous Economy in Tianjin

Thanks to favorable social environment, legal environment and excellent geographic location, Tianjin has been enjoying a constant, rapid and healthy development in



national economy since reform and opening up, the GDP of Tianjin increased continually during recent 10 years and the economy enhanced remarkably as well. The industrial, gross output, economic profits also keep leading position within the best of industrial cities in China. At present, the city has formed 4 pillar industries including machine industry centered with automobile and machine equipments; electronics industry centered with micro-electronic technology and communication apparatus; chemical industry centered with petroleum, oceanic industries, fine chemicals; metallurgical industry centered with high-quality steel products, steel tube and high-grade metal products. In 2004, total output value of Tianjin reached 300 billion yuan, increased by 15.7% compared with 2003. The financial income went up 26.7% and reached 50.21 billion yuan. The volume of investment in fixed assets achieved 125.9 billion and the total volume of retail sales in consumer goods amounted to 105.27 billion yuan.

Being a promising land for investment, Tianjin has been attracting numerous renowned overseas enterprises and MNCs such as Motorola, Samsung, IBM, Coca-Cola, Toyota, Panasonic, Hyundai etc. and more than 100 of the top 500 businesses have invested in Tianjin so far. In 2004, the value of contract directly utilized foreign funds amounted to USD 55.9 billion and among which USD 2.47 billion was directly utilized, increased by 59.1% and 51.4% respectively. Export and import in foreign trade have reached USD 42.02 billion, increased by 43.2%, among which export amounts to USD 20.87 billion by 45.4% increase.

Located in the converging point of Shandong peninsula and Liaodong peninsula, bordering Bohai, Tianjin BinHai New Area serves as a window opening to foreign investment in North China. It has the largest artificial port in China and potential consumer market as well as perfect facilities and infrastructures. BinHai New Area is situated in the center of Bohai Economic Circle, facing to Japan and Korea across the sea, Northeastern Asia and the growing Asian-Pacific region economic zone, which represents unsurpassed opportunity. With rapid economic development, its function of offering services has been stressed and improved greatly. It has now formed 7 leading industries including electronics communication, petroleum exploration and processing, oceanic industries, modern metallurgical industry, machine industry, biological pharmacy, food processing. In 2004, its total output value reached 125.02 billion yuan, the handling capacity of port over fulfilled 0.2 billion tons, BinHai New Area ranked in the top 10 ports in the world. Tianjin Economic and Technological Development Area keeps its leading position among national development areas, the volume of output amounts to 53 billion yuan by an increase of 25.3%. The interflow of commodities in Tianjin Port Free Trade Zone increased by 41% and the main index ranks ahead amongst other national free trade zones.



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Jing-Jin-Ji Economic Ring, together with Zhujiang Delta Economic Ring and Changjiang Delta Economic Ring is called the three economic rings in China, which plays a vital role in development of national economy. Being the centre of Jing-Jin-Ji Economic Ring and Circum-Bohai Economic Ring, the city has utilized its regional advantage to build up and improve a comprehensive transportation system. At present, Tianjin has launched large-sized projects such as multiple developments for Haihe, Jing-jin intercity railway, multiple track of Jing-jin expressway, Tianjin section of Jing-Hu expressway, Tianjin BinHai International Airport, renovation and expansion for Tianjin Port, which further enforce regional economy for Jing-Jin-Ji and Circum-Bohai.

The rapid growing economy benefits from its solid basis in science and technology. It has 37 high education institutions at different levels and over 150 natural science institutes which has rich human resources with nearly 500000 technical personnel in natural and social science. A series of scientific and technological achievements reach national and world level every year. Tianjin University and Nankai University are noted as famous academies in the world. The funds for research and development took account of over 1.5% of output volume. The scientific and technological progress level ranked 3rd in China in 2004. Tianjin has established stem cell products and hollow fibre bases. It has been recognized as one of the first national electronics communication bases. Scientific and technological projects such as Biochip and automobile manufacturing are in a leading position in China. Tianjin is appraised as one of the Top 7 Intelligent Communities of 2005, which is the first time for cities in China.

Tianjin today is where opportunity, creativity and entrepreneurship converge. It is a contemporary metropolis combining modern and traditional culture. As a commercial center, industrial base of advanced technology and international coastal metropolis in the north of China, Tianjin are showing her powerful, dramatic nature and great charm!

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由中國天津市人民政府、中華全國律師協會主辦，中華人民共和國司法部行政支持，天津市司法局、天津市律師協會承辦的“第五屆中國律師論壇”，將在天津召開。我們誠摯地邀請貴會代表團參加此次論壇。

論壇時間：2005年11月3日—5日。

11月3日全天為報到時間。

11月4日上午開幕式

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論壇期間將開設“地方律師協會會長圓桌會議”。全國律協和大部分省（區）市律師協會現已完成換屆，論壇將邀請全國律協領導和全國各省（區）市律師協會會長、副會長參加。論壇還將開設“律師與企業家圓桌會議”，邀請一些知名企業家與律師對話，進一步加強、促進律師界與企業界的交流與聯繫。

我們已為貴會會長 Mr. Michael J. LINTERN-SMITH 寄發了邀請函，不知 SMITH 先生是否收悉。我們非常希望會長能夠參加本次論壇，亦非常歡迎廣大香港律師界同仁能夠參加論壇，與國（境）內外的同仁一道進行深入地交流與探討。會長 SMITH 先生參加論壇的會議註冊費用由論壇組委會擔負，其他參加論壇的香港律師之相關費用自行擔負。

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