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Invitation Letter

Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of ISA RC 13 Mid-term International Conference 2009, we cordially invite you to participate at the ISA RC13 Mid-term Conference of Research Committee on Sociology of Leisure of the International Sociological Association on "Leisure: A Pathway to Human Happiness and Social Harmony" being organized in Beijing, China, during 23-26 October, 2009

Leisure, as a social-cultural phenomenon, permeates the life, behavior, and consumption patterns of people in the modern world. It even permeates the formulation of national public, economic and cultural policies. It plays an important role in the promotion of humanism, and in the building of a harmonious world. The role of leisure in reducing social tensions has become increasingly evident, resulting in leisure scholars increasingly focusing their attention on leisure research.

It is in such a disciplinary background that this Conference, which aims to involve academic elite and social actors from various countries in the world, will be convened, with impetus from the sponsoring international organizations. It is hoped that with this conference, sociology will no longer be an abstruse language for the few, but simplify itself to more members of bigger family of human culture, make efforts to create a good environment for human life with its reason and wisdom, as it has always been doing,

For our time, scholars are no doubt the thinkers, the carriers of morality and justice, as well as history-makers who use the power of humanism to drive the development of human civilization and progress. A dialogue between philosophy, sociology, culture studies, anthropology, history, education, economics and other disciplines is necessary for a better and harmonious world. Leisure is in a position to provide a platform for such a dialogue.

Please take this invitation letter to the Chinese Embassy in your country to get Visa. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information and assistance.

We are looking forward to receiving and meeting you in October 2009.

Best Wishes,



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