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Dear Prof. Rocco Fiano,

Request for Attendance from the Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education (JPDE).

Greetings from Jiangsu Province.

The purpose of this correspondence is to seek a response from your Department prior to the issuance of an official letter of invitation. We apologize for the late notice, however, departmental functions were curtailed by the 2008 Olympics.

It is our humble request that your State/Provincial Education Minister or an appointed representative can attend our inaugural "Round Table Conference of Education Ministers". Participants are being drawn from our partnership state and provincial departments from abroad with the conference being held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 in Yangzhou, China.

Furthermore, it be an integral part of the celebration activities of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Cooperation of the Jiangsu Provincial Government and a key initiative to strengthen education links with partnership states and provinces. The Round Table Conference is aimed at reviewing and reflecting on the education cooperation between Jiangsu Province and overseas partnership provinces and states over the past years, and to explore and identify new initiatives for education cooperation in the coming years. Prof. Shen Jian, the newly appointed Director-General of JPDE will attend the conference and is interested to have face to face discussions with his international ministerial counterparts..

Coincidentally, the 2008 Jiangsu International Forum of School Principals will be hosted from November.2-November.8 in Yangzhou focusing on "Leadership in Education". This is the fourth year for the JPDE to host this forum and approximately 100 domestic and overseas school principals and education leaders will participate this year. The forum will provide a valuable opportunity for both international and Jiangsu school principals to meet with each other and explore potential school cooperative projects.

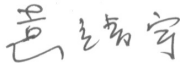
Please find the agenda and itinerary for the Round Table Conference and International Forum of School Principals attached. We would be very pleased to welcome the Education Minister or an

appointed representative of your state/province to attend the Round Table Conference, and ideally to lead a group of interested school principals to attend the Forum.

The registration fee for the forum will be RMB5000 for each, which covers accommodation, meal and local transportation during the forum. Besides, the fee covers the expenses for a two day extension to Beijing including a visit to cultural sites and the Olympic venue.

Again we apologize for the late notice. We would be very grateful if you could confirm with us if your education Minister or appointed representative could attend the conference or not at your earliest convenience. Please address your reply to Miss Alley Zhang, Program Officer of Jiangsu Education Services for International Exchange (JESIE), the organizer of both the Round Table Conference and the Forum by fax (0086-25-83335992), or by email to: [alleychina@gmail.com](mailto:alleychina@gmail.com)

Sincerely yours,



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