**Attachment 1**

Introduction about China International Fair for Trade in Services

Approved by the State Council in 2012, China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services was co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the People's Government of Beijing Municipality. In 2014, the central government positioned China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services as a mechanistic large-scale foreign-related exhibition fair. In 2015, *Several Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on Accelerating the Development of Trade in Services (Circular No. 8 [2015], State Council)* explained that a service trade exhibition pattern with China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services as the leading fair and various professional exhibition forums as the support shall be formed. In 2019, with the approval of the Party Central Committee and the State Council, it has been renamed as China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) and will be held annually.

1. Overview of CIFTIS

CIFTIS is the first state-level, international and comprehensive fair held specifically for trade in services, which covers all 12 sectors of trade in services defined by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have become the permanent supporting institutions of CIFTIS since the first session.

The Chinese government has attached great importance to CIFTIS, state leaders attended each session of CIFTIS. In 2019, Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter to CIFTIS. Vice-premier Hu Chunhua visited the exhibition and attended the Global Trade in Services Summit and delivered a keynote speech. In 2018, Vice-premier Hu Chunhua visited the exhibition during the fifth CIFTIS and gave his guidance for the work. In 2014 and 2016, then Vice-premier Wang Yang visited the third and fourth CIFTIS, listened to the reports and gave work guidance. In 2013, Premier Li Keqiang attended the Global Service Forum (Beijing Summit) and gave a keynote speech during the second CIFTIS. In 2012, then Premier Wen Jiabao attended the opening ceremony of the first CIFTIS and delivered an important speech.

Through cultivation and development, CIFTIS has become a globally influential platform for international trade in services, which spreads ideas, connects supply and demand, shares business opportunities, and promotes development. During the previous CIFTIS sessions, the total exhibition area reached 490,900 square meters, 997 activities were held and more than 11,000 exhibitors were present, over 1,134,000 person-times from 186 nations and regions were attracted to visit the fair, 14 foreign dignitaries attended the fair, and the intended signed contracts amounted to USD 601.51 billion. Furthermore, 122 overseas nations and regions organized delegations to exhibit or hold meeting activities, and nearly 300 international organizations and foreign business associations participated.

1. Introduction of the 2020 CIFTIS

To further implement the country's strategic plan for opening up to the outside world, strive to enhance the role of the service industry in further opening-up, deepen cooperation in trade in services and investment, promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, and boost economic globalization towards a more open, inclusive, balanced and win-win orientation, the 2020 CIFTIS will be held in Beijing from May 28 to June 1.

The 2020 CIFTIS will adopt “1+N” (one key venue and several parallel venues) pattern in the layout of venues, with more than 200,000 square meters of exhibitions and nearly 150 meetings and negotiations. The main venue will be located in China National Convention Center, in which an international exhibition area and a frontier achievement exhibition area will be set up. It will continue to hold the CIFTIS Global Trade in Services Summit and high-level international forums, and invite domestic and foreign dignitaries, heads of international organizations and domestic and foreign trade associations, well-known experts, heads of multinational companies and other participants to further discuss global service hot issues and trends, and forge a consensus on the development of international trade in services. Additionally, it is going to set up Guest Countries of Honor and continue to hold international exhibitions and special events of overseas countries and regions. Professional exhibitions will be held around the fast-growing and emerging areas of service trade such as scientific and technological services, health services, e-commerce, sports services, environmental services, business services, cultural trade, financial services and tourism services, etc.

III. Policies of Grouping

1. VIP Reception

The Organizing Committee will invite Deputy Ministers and above to attend important events organized by the Organizing Committee，such as the Global Trade in Services Summit. After confirming with the Organizing Committee in advance: we will provide 1+2 (persons) reception for overseas dignitaries (including former dignitaries); 1+1 (persons) reception for overseas ministerial level guests (including deputy ministerial level); 1+3 (persons) reception for the delegation of Guest Country of Honor when the head of the delegation is a dignitary, and 1+2 (persons) reception when the head of the delegation is minister or deputy minister level. Reception services include round-trip air tickets, airport courtesy, escorts during the session, regular car use, and no more than 5 days and 4 nights of accommodation.

1. Exhibition

The Organizing Committee will provide free exhibition space in the international exhibition area (the main venue of the China National Convention Center) to set up national, regional or enterprise exhibition areas. The Organizing Committee may place the Guest Country of Honor exhibition area in a prominent position in the international exhibition area.

1. Themed Events

The Organizing Committee will provide free conference rooms and related supporting facilities and assist to invite participants.

1. Supportive Policies for Organizers

With the approval of the Organizing Committee, for every 10 overseas enterprises that you organize to participate in the exhibition, the Organizing Committee will provide 5 days and 4 nights accommodation for one person.

1. Service Guarantee

The Organizing Committee will provide high-quality services to the delegations in regards to media publicity and customs facilitation.

1. Deadline

For the above guests’ invitations and participation for the fair, please determine the intention and content of work by January 20, 2020.