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An Invitation Letter of the International Virtual Symposium on Twenty-four Solar Terms

Dear expert(s) / professor(s)/ researcher(s):

You are invited to attend the International Virtual Symposium on Twenty-four Solar Terms scheduled on 22nd September 2020, which aims to promote the conservation and development of the Twenty-four Solar Terms and related cultural ceremonies through academic conversation and cooperation. Here is the information for your reference:

I. Theme

Promoting Solar Terms Culture through Dialogue and Cooperation

II. Topics

Participants will share insights into the cultural meanings of the twenty-four solar terms and the implications for agricultural production, daily life, health habits, and beyond. The discussion topics include:

- 1. Underlying science and cultural meanings of the twenty-four solar terms
- 2. Connections between the twenty-four solar terms and agricultural production

- 3. Folk activities concerning the twenty-four solar terms
- 4. Connections between health and the twenty-four solar terms
- 5. Proverbs, ballads, myths, and poems on the twenty-four solar terms
- 6. Festivals and folk activities for the Spring Equinox, the Autumnal Equinox, the Summer Solstice, and the Winter Solstice in different countries, regions, and among various ethnic groups
- 7. The twenty-four solar terms and other traditional systems of time
- 8. Art Work and Cultural Creativity of the twenty-four solar terms
- 9. The Ways of Inheritance and Transmission of the twenty-four solar terms

III. How to Attend

The Symposium will be held **online**. **Participa**nts in Beijing will attend in person at the main venue, China Agricultural Museum (Add.: No.16 North Road, East 3rd Ring Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing). Others will join via teleconference.

IV. Organizers:

Host Unit: China Agricultural Museum Support Unit: China Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection Center China Folklore Society China Agricultural History Association

V. Participants

- 1. Officials
- 2. Experts and scholars
- 3. Community representatives
- 4. Others

VI. Presentation

Each presentation shall be within 10 minutes and given in either Chinese or English. Please submit your speech scripts by 15th August, 2020.

VII. Paper

You are welcome to submit your paper by 15th August 2020. Our review panel will select the best ones for publication afterwards. Your paper should be no longer than 10,000 Chinese characters or 5,000 English words, plus a 200-to-300-character/word abstract, 3-5 keywords, and an introduction of the author(s).

VIII. Cost

The organizer will cover the costs of the venue, simultaneous interpreting service, and the editing and publication of papers. The remainder will be borne by the participants.

If you would like to attend, please fill in and send the registration form to 54458081@qq.com by 30 June 2020.

For any further information, please contact Ms. Wang Xiaoming by phone (+86-10-65096345) or WeChat (ID: nbwxm6509).

Appendix

| Registration Form | | |
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| Name | Country /Region | |
| Organization | Position | |
| Address | | |
| Zip | E-mail | |
| Work Phone | Mobile | |