

October 6, 2008

Dear Fellow Texas Lyceum Alumni and Directors,

I am pleased and honored to invite you to an exclusive lunch opportunity to meet with **Dr. Li Junru, Vice President of the Central Party School in Beijing, China**, on Monday, October 20, 2008 at the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Li will be in Houston leading a CPS delegation as a continuing part of the bilateral exchange program that was entered into in January 2006 between the Central Party School and the Texas Lyceum Association. The purpose of the exchange is to build a bridge between China and the United States and foster a better understanding of the commonality that exists in the areas of cultural values, ethics and leadership development. This visit is the third CPS delegation visit to Texas under the exchange program, and there have been three reciprocal exchange trips made to China.

The Party School of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, also known as the Central Party School (CPS) is the highest institution to train the government's rising officials and is also the government's most important and influential "think tank" for conducting policy research. All high-ranking Chinese officials, including provincial party chiefs, governors, ministers and generals must receive training from this school ranging from 3 months to 3 years. The current President of the People's Republic of China, Hu Jintao, rose from President of the CPS into his current position and the CPS's current President, Xi Jinping, also serves as Vice President of China and the 6th ranked member of the Politburo, the highest decision making body in China.

Dr. Li Junru's visit to Texas is a testament to the significance that the Central Party School places on the collaboration agreement with the Texas Lyceum and evidences their commitment to strengthening this developing relationship between Texas and the Central Party School. Dr. Li has played instrumental roles in drafting some of the most significant public policies matters in China and is considered one of the most influential authors and scholars on the development of the harmonious society, the establishment of a scientific outlook of development and in building an innovative country.

This lunch, being co-presented with the Greater Houston Partnership, is a unique opportunity to hear Dr. Li provide an insider's view on China's current political and economic status and insight on China's future reforms. It is my hope that you will join us in welcoming Dr. Li to Houston and help us promote this opportunity to build a relationship between Texas and China's future leaders.

Due to space constraints attendance is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come first serves basis. Please RSVP to Jessie Tan at jt看@houston.org or 713-844-3662. Please feel free to get in touch with me or any of the other members of the Steering Committee if you would like any additional information on this luncheon or the exchange initiative.

My Best Regards,

Walter Tomlinson

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