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**Regarding a Letter of Invitation** for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineer's Annual International Meeting.

Dear Yan Gong:

On behalf of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), we are pleased to welcome you Yan Gong to attend ASABE's Annual International Meeting to be held July 7-10, 2019 in Boston, Massachusetts in the United States of America. This letter will enable you to coordinate your interviews (if necessary) with the United States Consulates or Embassy within China.

ASABE is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907, ASABE is comprised of nearly 7,500 members representing more than 100 countries.

ASABE members serve in industry, academia, and public service sectors of our industry. Annual International Meeting brings engineers from industry, academia, and public service sectors of our industry together to share the most recent technological advances in agriculture and related industries including the important development of new standards within the industry.

For over a century, ASABE has hosted individuals from around the world at AIM and will continue to provide specialized technical sessions, poster presentations and continued educational programming for conference attendees. In addition, ASABE's AIM introduces attendees to regional engineering operations and technology through specialized technical tours. Finally, one of the primary purposes for ASABE's AIM is to provide time for various Committees to meet and discuss new developments and needs for industry standards for North America and internationally in nine diverse discipline areas such as ergonomics, safety and health; plant, animal, and facility systems; machinery systems; applied science and engineering; natural resources and environmental systems; energy systems; processing systems; information technology, sensors, and control systems; and additional non-technical groups.

ASABE standards committees are open forums for participation and provide tremendous opportunities for pre-professionals and professionals desiring to be involved with standards used to design, test, and manufacture agricultural and biological equipment and specialized practices.

It is important to understand that during your stay in the United States, you will not be remunerated by ASABE, nor can you be engaged in any employment. You will be responsible for your conference registration fee and travel expenses that include airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, and travel insurance. While you are in the United States, we encourage you to explore the United States or visit colleagues and friends after the conference. Thus, your travel to the U.S. may be extended approximately from June 26, 2019 to July 17, 2019 with approval by the United State government and your government of China.

Your attendance at ASABE's Annual International Meeting demonstrates your commitment to enhancing your professional knowledge and expertise in agricultural and biological engineering. ASABE looks forward to your participation in the Annual International Meeting in 2019.

Sincerely,

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