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Dear Members and Friends of the CES:

As the mission of 2012-2013 CES Board of Directors and Presidency is drawing to a conclusion, it's good time to reflect what we have accomplished in the past year and look into the future ahead of us. We would like to take this opportunity express our sincere appreciation to you for confidence you placed upon us and the privileges you granted us to serve you and the Society. With your trust and support, our team has been able to continue the excellence of the existing CES programs and take initiatives to advance the Society's professional impact through a series of scholarly activities. It's our great pleasure to highlight some of CES organized conference and events over this one-year period.

1. The 2012 CES President Forum

The 2012 CES President Forum was held in Kunming on Dec 15-16, 2012. The theme of the Forum was "China in the World Economy: Searching for Sustainable Economic Development". The speakers of the Forum include Bruce Sun (1988-89 CES President), Gene Chang (1989-90 CES President), Guoqiang Tian (1991-92 CES President), Guanzhong Wen (1999-2000 CES President), Aimin Chen (2000-01 CES President), Shunfeng Song (2003-04 CES President), Haizheng Li (2006-07 CES President), Jack Hou (2007-08 CES President), Holly Wang (2009-2010 CES President), Yanling Wang (2010-11 CES President), Ding Lu (2011-12 CES President), Tony Fang (2012-13 CES President), Jinlan Ni (2013-14 CES President-elect), Li Gan (2003-04 CES BOD), Kunwan Li (2007-08 CES Vice President), Vincent Chen (Sheffield University), Yongjun Chen (Renmin University), and Yide Qiao (Shanghai Development Research Fund). The forum was hosted by Yunnan University of Finance and Economics. The Forum received extensive media coverage by China's mainstream media.

(http://www.china-ces.org/Event/ShowContent.aspx?ID=68).

2. The 2013 CES Business Meeting and Reception

The 2013 Chinese Economist Society (CES) Business Meeting and Reception were held on January 5 at the American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meetings in San Diego. More than 150 CES members and friends attended the event. The meeting was a great success, thanks to the generous sponsorship by Hunan University in Changsha. Current President Tony Fang chaired the Business Meeting and reception and announced a few new initiatives undertaken by the 2012-2013 CES leadership team: the proposed CES office in China, the launch of PhD Job Market at the CES annual conference in Chengdu and enhanced placement services to both recruiting universities and job candidates, and a possible launch of China policy Journal. Representatives from 11 Chinese universities made campaign style faculty recruiting speeches (http://www.china-ces.org/Event/ShowContent.aspx?ID=69).



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3. The 2013 CES Annual Conference

At the 35th anniversary of China's open-door and economic reform policies, the CES co-hosted its 2013 Annual Conference, "The Chinese Financial System in Transition: Reforms, Policies, and Practices", with China Southwest University of Finance and Economics, on June 8-9, 2013 at Mount Qingcheng in Chengdu. There were more than 350 participants worldwide, which is the largest in the CES history. World-renowned scholars, Professor Christopher Pissarides (2010 Nobel Laureate), Professor James Mirrlees (1996 Nobel Laureate), Professor Richard Freeman (Harvard and NBER) offered keynote address, while Professor Justin Yi-fu Lin, the honorary Dean of the National School of Development and CCER and former Executive Vice President and Chief Economist of World Bank, made closing speech. This year the CES received a record number of paper submissions. There were about 250 papers in English and 50 papers in Chinese presented at the conference, covering a wide range of economic and management topics in contemporary China. The conference featured keynote speeches, 4 roundtable discussions and 69 concurrent sessions.

(http://www.china-ces.org/Event/ShowContent.aspx?ID=70)

4. Other conferences and activities

In addition to the above conferences and events, the CES also co-organized two conferences with Chinese universities.

The 2013 International Conference on China's Labor Market in an Era of Economic Transitions & Development, was held June 5-6, 2013, at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China.

The 5th Biennial Conference on Transition and Economic Development (TED) "Economic Development and Structural Change: Institutions, Markets and Public Policies," is to be held September 20-21, 2013, at Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

5. Other scholarly activities

With the generous financial support from the Gregory-Paula Chow Foundation, we have awarded seven Chow Teaching Fellowships this year to CES members who taught Economics and Management courses at various Chinese universities.

At the 2013 CES annual meeting, we also selected one winner for the Chow Best Paper and one Honourable Mention for this year's Gregory-Paula Chow Best Paper Awards.



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6. CES China Office at CCER/NSD of Peking University

Since the CES was established in New York in 1985, the Society never had a permanent office in China. On behalf of the CES, we are pleased to announce that the CES and CCER/NSD of Peking University have entered an agreement to launch a CES China office. The main objectives of the CES China office are to provide a point of contact for the CES members, offer logistic support, including the job search support of the CES members, organize mutually beneficial joint CES/CCER/NSD projects and activities, including conferences, seminars, training programs and special research projects relevant to the mission of the CES, and provide information related to the CES businesses. These are considered significant benefits of the CES membership. The office space can also be a future home of a new CES Journal.

Our success and achievements were built upon the existing strength and hard work of past CES presidents, the Executive Boards, and the CES members. Special thanks are given to former presidents and senior members Jack Hou, Justin Yi-fu Lin, Ding Lu, Gordon Liu, Guoqiang Tian, Jason Yin, Holly Wang, and James Wen for their advice and support, and to Shuming Bao for administrative assistance. We would also like to express our gratitude to the generous helps and supports from China Southwest University of Finance and Economics and Li Gan, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics and Wen Zhou, and the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs of China, and Director General Fengyun Lei.

We now pass the torch to the 2013-14 President Jinlan Ni and the new Executive Board and would like to extend our best wishes for their continuous success.

Once again, thank you for your encouragement, participation, and support!

With warm regards,

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