

# 中国国际服务贸易交易会组委会办公室

OFFICE OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR CHINA INTERNATIONAL FAIR FOR TRADE IN SERVICES

## Appreciation Letter

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Austrian-Chinese Business Association(ACBA),

Jointly hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the People's Government of Beijing Municipality, permanently supported by the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the 2019 China International Fair for Trade in Services (shorted as CIFTIS) has been successfully held in Beijing from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. Chinese President Xi Jinping sent his congratulatory letter to the fair, and Vice-premier Hu Chunhua visited the exhibition hall and delivered a keynote speech. 2 foreign dignitaries, 3 former foreign dignitaries and 63 ministerial guests from both home and abroad attended the fair.

With the theme of "openness, innovation, intelligence and integration", the 2019 CIFTIS adopted "1+N" (one key venue and several parallel venues) pattern in the layout of venues for the first time. A total area of 165,000 square meters' exhibition was set; more than 240 forums, conferences and business talks were held. It attracted 137 overseas countries and regions, 21 international organizations, all the provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities in China, more than 180 domestic and foreign business chambers, 8,000 domestic and foreign enterprises and institutions and more than 400,000 person-times to participate. The intentionally signed contracts amounted to USD 105.06 billion. All the indicators hit record highs and the global influence of CIFTIS has been further enhanced.

In the 2019 CIFTIS, the guests from ACBA attended the Global Trade in

Services Summit and the 2019 China E-Commerce Conference, giving the keynote speech on artificial intelligence and China-EU cooperation at the e-commerce conference, which was highly praised from the participants. In addition, the Austrian-Chinese Business Association and the Organizing Committee for CIFTIS signed a memorandum of cooperation on CIFTIS. Your participation has promoted communication and cooperation at multiple levels, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you.

The 2019 China International Fair for Trade in Services witnessed its debut after the name change approved by the Chinese government. The Chinese government has positioned CIFTIS as the trade in services fair with a worldwide influence and new mission. We will deeply summarize preparation and organization experience, innovate thinking of holding the fair, adhere to the customer-oriented and cooperation promotion principle, inherit the past and forge ahead into the future, so as to better prepare and organize next session's CIFTIS to be held from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at a higher standard. We would like to promote the prosperous development of service industry and trade in services by working together, building development consensus and deepening communication and cooperation.



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