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Joe E. Taylor, Jr.
Secretary

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Ms. Lea Walker
(US) Chinese Culture Center
4224 Branning Drive
Columbia, SC 29209

Dear Lea

It is the sincere pleasure of the South Carolina Department of Commerce to welcome the Vice Premier of China, Madame Wu Yi, and her delegation of leading business and government officials, to our great state. This is a momentous visit by one of the foremost leaders of China and the world, and we are honored to be one of their limited stops.

I would like to invite you to a China-South Carolina Trade and Investment Forum on Monday, April 10, 2006, to meet the members of Madame Wu's delegation and to participate in a seminar on the business climate of our state. The event will commence at 9:00 AM that Monday in Ballroom E-H of the Columbia Marriott, corner of Main and Hampton Streets, and will conclude around 11:00 AM. There will be an exhibition of various industries from around the state to peruse beforehand as well.

China and South Carolina: A Journey of Friendship and Cooperation

China-South Carolina Trade and Investment Forum

Monday, April 10, 2006

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Columbia Marriott

1200 Hampton Street

RSVP by Wednesday, April 5 to Vicki Wooten

803-737-0442 or by e-mail at vwooten@sccommerce.com

Our state is making tremendous strides in strengthening the friendly relationship between South Carolina and China. Enhancing our state's trade and business relations with China will serve to further our association and benefit both of our economies. I hope you will be able to join us for this important Trade and Investment Forum.

Sincerely,

Joe E. Taylor, Jr.

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