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MELAKA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZHENG HE OPEN INVITATION LETTER

To commemorate the 605th anniversary of Zheng He's historic maiden voyage to the Western Ocean as well as to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of Melaka's award as a World Heritage City and the 36th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Malaysia and China, the Perbadanan Muzium Melaka (PERZIM), the Cheng Ho Cultural Museum and the International Zheng He Society have decided to jointly organise an International Conference on Zheng He to be held in Melaka, 5-8 July 2010.

This conference is significant in two aspects. Firstly, for the first time an international conference on Zheng He is held outside China. Secondly, the Melaka State Government has given its full support to the conference, and actively assisted in the organizing work. The conference will be opened by Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. It reflects a significant milestone in the study of Cheng Ho and the organisers have aptly chosen a conference theme: Zheng He and the Afro-Asian World. Sub-themes include Zheng He's voyages: Historical traces and research, impact and cultural continuity, Zheng He and religious harmony and Zheng He and maritime civilization.

This conference will provide a platform for various Cheng Ho societies and scholars from East Asia, Southeast Asia, Panama, Great Britain, United States, Australia and New Zealand to gather and network in Melaka.

Yours truly,

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