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Dear Dr. Ching Jyh Shieh,

The Harvard University Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Students Association (ITASA) 2007 Committee requests the honor of your presence as a panelist on Taiwanese aeronautical and space technologies for the ITASA 2007 East Coast Conference on February 1-3, 2007.

We anticipate the attendance of six hundred Taiwanese and Taiwanese American college students from all over the United States for three days of education and community-building. Your involvement as a panelist on Taiwanese aerospace and space technologies would offer an invaluable opportunity for the next generation of Taiwanese Americans to learn from an aerospace engineering specialist who has influenced and shaped the Taiwan of today.

The goals of our conference are to instill a knowledge and understanding of Taiwanese issues and to unite students with a sense of shared mission. We have already been honored by the support of many Harvard and Boston community members and have secured a number of speakers for the conference, including Harvard's own Professors William Kirby, Arthur Kleinman, and Stephen Goldstein. Yet we believe our conference should include native Taiwanese who have impacted modern Taiwanese society.

As a panelist on Taiwanese aerospace and space technologies, you will have the opportunity to educate and shape the minds of Taiwanese American college students at a critical juncture in their intellectual development. Your panel will be part of a three-day exploration of Taiwanese and Taiwanese Americans' collective future. We understand the busy nature of your schedule but adamantly believe that your presence will uniquely raise awareness and passion among Taiwanese American students. The Harvard community would be especially grateful for the chance to host your visit, and the Taiwanese community of not only Boston area but also the entire East Coast would take to heart words spoken from your extensive experience.

We have been inspired by your passion for Taiwan and success as an engineer. The ITASA 2007 East Coast Conference will be a wonderful opportunity for the next generation of Taiwanese American leaders to connect and learn from you. We hope that you will take our invitation into serious consideration, and we look forward to working closely with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Chou Eric Lu Michelle C. Yang
ITASA 2007 East Coast Conference Co-Directors