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**Letter of Congratulations to the organisers of the  
2007 China-Ireland International Conference on Information and  
Communications Technologies, 28-29 August, Dublin**

I am delighted to send greetings to the 2007 China-Ireland International Conference on Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), which is jointly sponsored and organised by Dublin City University and Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, in association with Hangzhou Dianzi University.

I welcome that the objectives of the conference are to strengthen science and technology research collaboration between China and Ireland, as well as to provide a platform for facilitating academic and industrial research interactions with other countries.

ICT is an important area for both China and Ireland. We have a common interest in building new educational and research partnerships as we participate in the global knowledge community. The Irish Government has embarked on strategic programmes of investment to develop the research capabilities and skills of Irish higher education institutions and to attract leading researchers from all over the world.

The Irish Government recently launched a major Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation to cover the period 2006 to 2013. The strategy aims to further promote Ireland as a research and development base and to attract both investment and top quality researchers.

I congratulate the organisers and sponsors on this important contribution to developing China/Ireland relations. I wish all the participants every success at this Conference.

With my best wishes,

H.E. Declan Kelleher,  
Ambassador of Ireland to the People's Republic of China