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MAYOR'S OFFICE

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"GUILIN FORUM"

Dear Bryon (or representative)

Thank you for your help with or your interest in the recent Guilin Evening. It was a most pleasant occasion with many commenting on the friendly and positive atmosphere prevailing - quite apart from the wonderful cuisine.

Up to a dozen people have come forward since that night to express their interest in joining the Guilin Forum. I do not want to let the idea get cold, so I am approaching you now to follow up on your initial or your potential interest.

Let me re-explain the concept.

The Guilin Forum:

- (i) A Council-Community partnership to 'ideas-drive' an inter-change programme;
- (ii) To be informal;
- (iii) Administrative and implementation to be provided by the Community Services Division of the Hastings District Council responsible for Guilin Matters;
- (iv) To meet at least once, not more than twice annually;
- (v) Venue: Mayor's Office (Hastings District Council)
Timing: 4.00pm on a week day (2 hours maximum);
- (vi) Purpose:

"To review the Hastings-Guilin relationship; to consolidate existing links; to spark new initiatives; to plan and monitor a proposed annual/triennial Programme."

"To lift the relationship to a new tier of inter-change and achievement between 1992 and 1995."

Those who have so far come forward for the Guilin Forum would see the following interests represented:


- ▶ The Hastings District Council (elected members and management)
- ▶ The Hawke's Bay Chinese Association
- ▶ The Hawke's Bay Branch, New Zealand-China Friendship Society
- ▶ Education
- ▶ The Hawke's Bay Cultural Trust
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Primary Production
- ▶ Commerce
- ▶ Maoridom
- ▶ Service Clubs.

It is my intention to hold our first gathering following the Hastings District Council Goodwill Delegation's return from Guilin, and no later than mid-September 1992. This will enable the latest developments from Official Talks to be reported back to the Forum. I will be pleased to host you socially at the conclusion of our first gathering.

A note of meeting date, time and venue will be sent to you shortly.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Guilin-Hastings Information Pack. This provides the essence of the Protocol, history and current programme.

Yours sincerely


JEREMY DWYER
MAYOR

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