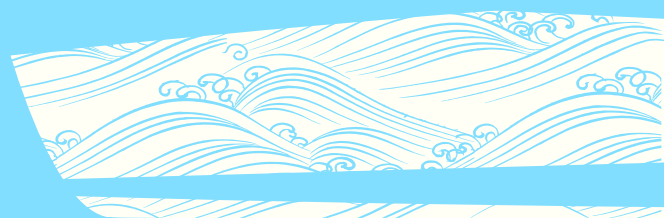


中国—中东欧国家投资贸易博览会
CHINA-CEEIC INVESTMENT AND TRADE EXPO

2018 第二届中国—中东欧国家市长论坛
China-CEEIC Mayors Forum

邀请函 INVITATION

June 7-8, 2018 | Ningbo, China





The 2018 China-CEEC Mayors Forum will be held in the city of Ningbo on June 8th, 2018. Madam Li Xiaolin, President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), and Mr. Qiu Dongyao, Mayor of Ningbo, present compliments to your city and cordially invite you to attend the Forum.

The 6th China-CEEC Summit held in Budapest, Hungary designated 2018 as the Year of Cooperation between Local Government and Local Enterprises. This year's forum will be themed "Deepening Local Cooperation for Belt and Road Implementation" and will offer participants an opportunity to share views, experiences, and demands with respect to promoting investment, trade, and cultural exchanges under the context of the 16+1 cooperation mechanism and the Belt and Road Initiative. We believe this year's forum will enhance the friendship as well as mutually beneficial cooperation between China and CEE Countries.

Ningbo is a renowned port city of global influence, a manufacturing hub, and a land of culture and history, with a well-established modern industry system featuring port-related sectors, equipment manufacturing, textile and garment production, and high-tech sectors. The city is recognized as a living monument to the past interactions of the ancient Silk Road by President Xi Jinping. It enjoys unique economic positions being a "Made in China 2025" Pilot City, National Insurance Innovation Comprehensive Pilot Zone and China (Ningbo) Cross-Border E-commerce Comprehensive Pilot Zone. Guided by the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Ningbo is dedicated to increasing its global economic and culture recognition, developing the Belt and Road Comprehensive Pilot Zone, 16+1 Trade Cooperation Demonstration Zone, and the Free Trade Port. Ningbo has hosted the China-CEEC Investment and Trade Expo for three consecutive years and has become a top choice for China-CEEC cooperation. The 4th Expo will be held between the 8th and 12th of June this year. The city of Ningbo warmly welcomes you to this year's Expo as well.

Looking forward to seeing you in Ningbo this June.

Li Xiaolin, President
Chinese People's Association for
Friendship with Foreign Countries

Qiu Dongyao
Mayor of Ningbo, China

Agenda

June 6 (Wednesday)	
Daytime	Arrival and Registration
June 7 (Thursday)	
Daytime	Site Visit to Local Businesses
18:00-19:30	Welcome Dinner
June 8 (Friday)	
09:00-09:30	Meeting with Leaders of CPAFFC and City of Ningbo
09:30-09:40	Group Photograph
10:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:15	Panel Discussion 1: Internet and Trade Facilitation
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Panel Discussion 2: Investment Liberalization and Pilot Zone for Trade and Economic Cooperation
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:45	Panel Discussion 3: Innovation, Entrepreneurship and SME Cooperation
18:00-19:30	Reception Banquet
June 9 (Saturday)	
Daytime	Visit to China-CEEC Investment and Trade Expo and/or Departure



Ningbo



Ningbo covers 9,816 km² on land and 8355.5 km² at sea. With a population of 8 million, the city incorporates 6 districts, 2 counties, and 2 county-level cities under its jurisdiction. In 2017, Ningbo's urbanization rate reached 72.4%. Ningbo is one of the first coastal cities in China to open up to the outside world, a separate planning city of the state, and a sub-provincial level city. Ningbo is a globally-renowned port city and a major national manufacturing hub. It enjoys unique privileges as "Made in China 2025" Pilot City, National Insurance Innovation Comprehensive Pilot Zone and China (Ningbo) Cross-Border E-commerce Comprehensive Pilot Zone. In recent years, the city is dedicated to building itself into a Belt and Road Comprehensive Pilot Zone, 16+1 Trade Cooperation Demonstration Zone, and a Free Trade Port.

A Driver of Economic Growth

Ningbo is one of the 15 most competitive cities on the Chinese Mainland and an economic hub of the southern part of the Yangtze River Delta. In 2017, the city's GDP totaled RMB 984.7 billion (USD 145.9 billion) with a year-on-year increase of 7.8% and fiscal revenue reached RMB 241.6 billion (USD 35.7 billion). The per capita GDP reached USD 18,368. Ningbo is a major city for foreign investment in the Yangtze River Delta. It has attracted investment from 57 global top 500 companies with accumulated contractual foreign investment of USD 90.9 billion. Ningbo is also a pioneer city in encouraging private capital to invest overseas. By the end of 2017, 2697 Ningbo enterprises and organizations in 118 countries and regions have been approved.



Overview of Ningbo

A Gateway to the World

Located at the junction of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and the Yangtze River Economic Belt, the city of Ningbo, with its port and transport hubs, is a perfect gateway from China to the rest of the world. Ningbo is the first city in Zhejiang Province and the eighth in the country whose total imports and exports have exceeded USD 100 billion. In 2017, the city's imports and exports totaled USD 112.2 billion with a year-on-year increase of 18.2%. The Ningbo-Zhoushan Port is the busiest cargo port and fourth-busiest container port in the world, with cargo throughput exceeding 1 billion tons and container throughput reaching 24.6 million TEUs in 2017.

A Land of Rich Culture

Ningbo is nationally-renowned for its rich historical and cultural heritage. It is the birthplace of the 7,000-year-old Hemudu Neolithic Culture and a key starting point of historical Maritime Silk Road. President Xi Jinping, in his keynote speech on the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, recognized Ningbo as a "living monument" to these past interactions of the Maritime Silk Road. Today the oldest existing private library in Asia, Tianyige, can still be visited in downtown Ningbo. Ningbo has a rich cultural heritage and examples of this, such as the Fenghua Dragon Dancing and Ninghai Pingdiao Opera, as well as cinnabar and gold lacquer wood carving, have been listed in China's first Intangible Cultural Heritage Catalog.

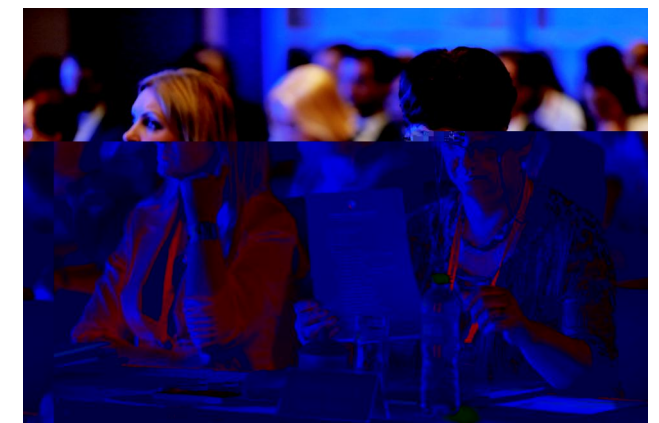
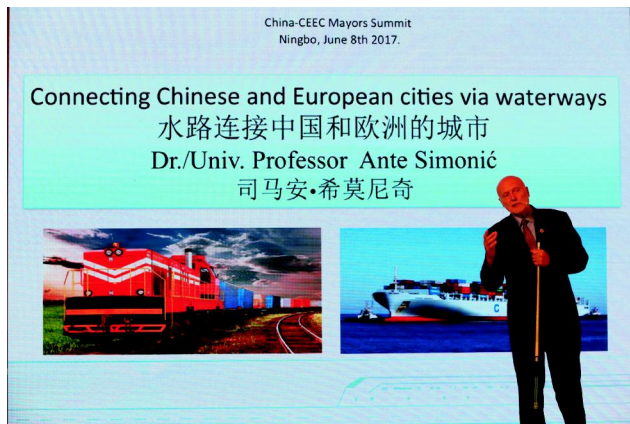
A City of Dynamism and Quality Living

Ningbo is known for having a vibrant private sector and a business-friendly, innovation-friendly environment. In 2017, a total of RMB 500.9 billion (USD 74.2 billion) was invested in fixed assets, a year-on-year increase of 3.5%, among which private investment increased by 11.9%. In an effort to upgrade the industrial structure, citywide R&D expenditures amounted to 2.52% of the city's GDP yearly.

Bordered by the East China Sea and Siming Mountains, and embraced by several major rivers, Ningbo is a city of great natural beauty, an attractive place to live and work in. In 2017, the proportion of good-air days stands at 85.2%. Ningbo is a five-time winner of the title Model City of Civility and eight-time winner of the title Model City of Citizen Wellbeing. The per capita disposable income of urban and rural residents have been growing steadily at a rate of around 8%, reaching RMB 55,656 (USD 8,245) and RMB 30,871 (USD 4,574) respectively in 2017.



Review on the 2017 China-CEEC Mayors Forum





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Country		City	
Head of Delegation (Name and Position)			Number of Delegates
Contact Information	Contact Person		
	Telephone		
	E-mail		

1. Do you want to make a speech at the panel discussion?

- Yes (Theme _____)
- No Not decided yet

2. Besides the Forum, what other activities do you want to join during your stay in Ningbo?

- Site Visit to Local Businesses on June 7
- Visit the China-CEEC Investment and Trade Expo on June 9

3. Your Arrival / Departure Information (Please fill when available)

Arrival	Date:	Time:	Flight Number:
Departure	Date:	Time:	Flight Number:

We would appreciate if you could feedback before May 11 by either of the following means:

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