

Consulate General of the People's Republic of China

1450 Laguna Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

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Dear Members of Washington Association for Chinese Education,


Your letter to President Xi Jinping dated September 18, 2015 and the portrait were both well received and presented.

As Consul General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco, I am very glad to take the honor to convey to you all appreciation of President Xi and the first lady, Professor Peng Liyuan. Both of them were very impressed with your letter and the portrait, which remind them of fond memories of their recent visit in the State of Washington. They encourage you to put more enthusiasm in learning of Chinese language and culture, to participate actively in the friendly exchanges between China and the United States and to be envoys to further enhance the friendship between our two countries.

As you may have already known, during meeting between the two presidents in September, President Obama put forward the "One Million Strong" Initiative, with the goal of one million American students learning Chinese language by 2020. You are certainly part of the initiative and your efforts in organizing contests, cultural exchanges and community festivals are among those to achieve the goal. The Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco would assure you with every possible support and assistance.

As Christmas is just around the corner, I wish you and your families Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,



Luo Linqun
Consul General