

Letter to Party Secretary of Guangdong, Mr Hu Chunhua, dated 28 June 2017

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP
First Minister of Scotland



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His Excellency Mr Hu Chunhua
Party Secretary of the Communist Party of China
Guangdong Committee



28 June 2017

Your Excellency

I was delighted that you were able to visit Scotland last week. I am sorry that I was not able to meet you myself, following the result in the UK election the previous Thursday and I would like to thank you very much for your understanding. However, I was pleased that Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work was able to meet and host the dinner for you at Edinburgh Castle on my behalf.

I asked the Cabinet Secretary to report to me directly on the progress of your visit, and was glad to hear of the productive discussion you had regarding our shared commitment to a prosperous, trusting and mutually beneficial relationship between Scotland and Guangdong.

I understand that you had some excellent discussions, not just over dinner but also during your visit to Edinburgh University the following day. I really hope that these will lead to greater collaboration, building upon existing partnerships in life sciences, renewable energy, finance and higher education – areas which are of key importance to Scotland.

Scotland and China have a long history of partnership. A recent notable investment saw Chinese tourism group Ctrip buy Edinburgh-based online search company Skyscanner for £1.4bn in November 2016. This investment will see the company grow its insights and technologies on a global scale.

And it's not just in investment that Scotland and China hold a strong relationship. I was delighted that some of the delegation could visit the Edinburgh Bio Quarter to witness Scotland's pioneering lead in the life sciences sector, a key component in our economic strategy. Scottish biotechnology companies have an international reputation for tradition, innovation and quality. The Bio Quarter serves as an excellent example of what many Scottish companies can offer China in co-development and partnership.



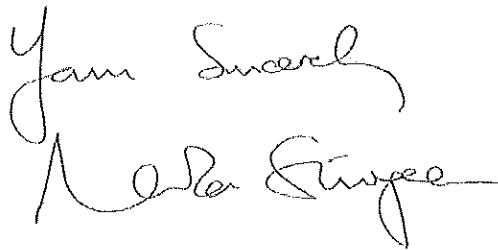
I firmly believe that the combination of Scotland's expertise and China's strong digital health and technology capabilities creates a strong foundation for future success and it is vitally important to continue developing further collaborations between us.

Scotland has a long reputation of academic excellence; most recently the University of Edinburgh healthcare team has developed strong relationships in Shenzhen with both the university and a leading public hospital. This has led to the project establishing a Shenzhen University/University of Edinburgh/Huaxia Healthcare Group medical research institute.

I understand that you enjoyed your visit to Edinburgh University on Monday 12 June, and particularly your time at the Centre of Robotics. I know that Professor Sethu Vijayakumar welcomed the opportunity to demonstrate their world leading research capabilities in Robotics. I also understand that there is tremendous innovation in this field in Guangdong, especially in the manufacturing sector.

I am therefore delighted that Edinburgh University are looking at a partnership in this field with Guangdong and that this could take the form of a joint research lab in robotics. I further understand that Professor Vijayakumar is planning to visit Guangdong in September 2017 to move this forward. I am very pleased that your visit has directly led to opportunities such as this to increase the collaboration between Guangdong and Scotland.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, party officials and investors who travelled to Scotland for your engagement on such a successful visit, and for sharing your insights with my officials during this time. I hope to get the opportunity to meet with you in the near future.



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Letter to Chinese Consul General, Mr Pan Xinchun, dated 10 January 2017

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Mr Pan Xinchun
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Dear Consul General,

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend a reception and concert at the Usher Hall on 25 January celebrating Chinese New Year.

Regrettably, I am unable to attend due to pre-existing diary commitments. However, I am pleased to let you know that Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for International Development and Europe, will attend on behalf of the Scottish Government.

I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family for what I am sure will be a very enjoyable evening celebrating the forthcoming Year of the Rooster.

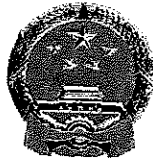
*With very best wishes
Nicola*

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Invite from Chinese Consul General, Mr Pan Xinchun, dated 9 December 2016

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First Minister of Scotland

*On the occasion of the Chinese lunar Year of Rooster
the Chinese Consul General Mr. PAN Xinchun and Mme. YU Zhili
request the pleasure of the company of*

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP and a guest

*at a Reception on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 6.00 pm
and a Concert at 7.00 pm at Usher Hall, Edinburgh*

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9 December 2016

Dear First Minister,

With the Chinese lunar Year of Monkey soon behind us, the Year of Rooster will arrive on 28 January 2017.

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Scottish multiculture as well as the achievements of friendship and cooperation between China and Scotland, I will host a VIP Reception followed by a Chinese New Year Concert on 25 January 2017 at 6 pm at Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

It is my great honour and pleasure to invite you to the upcoming event to share the joy with both the Chinese community and Scottish society.

With best wishes,



PAN Xinchun
Chinese Consul General

Letter from Vice President of the Chinese Friendship Association, Mr Song Jingwu,
dated 12 October 2016



中国人民对外友好协会

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR
FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

12 October, 2016

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP
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Dear Mme First Minister,

Thank you for meeting my colleagues and me so warmly in the Scottish Parliament despite your tight schedule, and for sharing your views on the European situation. This will surely exert positive influence on enhancing our mutual understanding, trust, and friendship, and on deepening future China-Scotland exchanges and cooperation.

We believe that under you leadership, Scotland will successfully tide over the temporary difficulties brought up by Brexit, and continue to play a vital role in the development of the European Union.

We would like to forge closer cooperation with the Scottish Affairs Office in Beijing to jointly promote practical exchanges and cooperation in various fields. I look forward to your visit to China next year.

Yours sincerely,

Song Jingwu
Vice President
Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries



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10 September 2016

Dear Consul General

Thank you for your letter regarding the visit of H.E. Mr Du Qinglin to Scotland on Friday 23 September.

I am very pleased that H.E. Mr Du has chosen to visit Scotland. His visit represents a valuable opportunity for Scotland and China to reaffirm the strong links which exist between our nations. As a further symbol of our mutually beneficial relationship, the Scottish Government will be delighted to host a meeting with H.E. Mr Du and he can be assured of a warm welcome.

Regrettably, the date of H.E. Mr Du's visit coincides with the day on which I conduct my constituency business, so I will be unable to meet with him on this occasion. As an elected representative to the Scottish Parliament, I have a responsibilities to my constituents which I undertake in Glasgow each Friday.

However, I have specifically asked the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Ms Fiona Hyslop MSP to host the meeting with H.E. Mr Du on my behalf. As the senior Government Cabinet Secretary with portfolio responsibility for China, Ms Hyslop will be well placed to welcome H.E. Mr Du to Scotland.

The Scottish Government is leading a sustained programme of engagement with China for the mutual benefit of both nations. My first visit to the country last July left a strong and positive impression on me and I am personally committed to doing all that we can to strengthen our partnerships across trade and investment, education, culture and science. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff at the Consulate General for the work that you do to strengthen the relations between our two countries.

I am sorry that I am unable to meet H.E. Mr Du personally, but I want to reassure you of the importance that the Scottish Government places on our relationship with China. Please accept my very best wishes to you and your family for Mid-Autumn Festival.

With kind regards
Nicola

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Letter from Chinese Consul General, Mr Pan Xinchun, dated 6 September 2016

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Dear First Minister

I Hope this finds you well. I write to inform you that H.E. Mr DU Qinglin, Member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference will be visiting Scotland on 23rd September.

The Sino-Scottish relations have grown from strength to strength since your successful visit to China last year with continued progress in bilateral collaborations ranging from trade and investment, education, culture and tourism etc. High level exchanges such as your last visit always play an important role in strengthening our ties.

To keep the momentum of this exchange, H.E. Mr Du, a very senior figure equivalent to the status of vice premier under our political system, will be visiting Scotland and hope to meet with you to explore potentials for our future cooperation. During your visit to

China, Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor, had a good meeting with you. By the same token, H.E. Mr Du will also conduct a very fruitful meeting with you to move forward this relationship. It would be appreciated if the same courtesy could be accorded to H.E. Mr Du with such a meeting.

With best wishes



PAN Xinchun

Chinese Consul General

Invitation from Chinese Consul General, Mr Pan Xinchun, dated 7 September 2016



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the Chinese Consul General Mr. PAN Xinchun and Mme. YU Zhili
request the pleasure of the company of*

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and a guest

*at a reception on Wednesday 28th September 2016 at 18:00 -20:00
in the Consulate General at 55 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 5QG*

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Letter from Chinese Consul General, Mr Pan Xinchun, dated 22 June 2016

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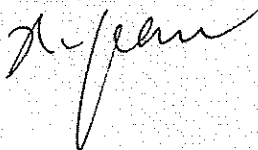
Dear First Minister,

On behalf of the Chinese Consulate General in Edinburgh, I have a great pleasure in inviting you to attend a Chinese Moon Festival dinner on Monday 5th September at 6:30pm at Edinburgh Marriott, EH12 8NF. A drink reception will also be held at 6:00pm at the same venue.

The Chinese Moon Festival, also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival, is one of the most important traditional festivals in China. Chinese people believe the full moon is a symbol of peace, prosperity and family union. We would be honoured if you could join us in this joyful moment. The dinner will be featuring some Chinese culture performance. The dress code is black tie or traditional dress.

Please indicate your availability by zheng_chenglong@mfa.gov.cn by Monday 22nd August.

With best wishes,



PAN Xinchun
Chinese Consul General, Edinburgh

Letter to Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Mr Liu Xiaoming, dated 12 June 2016

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Your Excellency

Thank you for your very kind letter congratulating both myself and my party on our performance in the Scottish Election. We worked long and hard during the election campaign and to have people in Scotland vote in such overwhelming numbers and put their trust in us is fantastic, but also a great responsibility.

The Sino-Scottish relationship continues to grow, and my visit last year convinced me just how important and mutually beneficial that relationship is for both our nations.

I am very keen to continue growing our strong relations with China and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

With kind regards
Nicola Sturgeon

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Dear Consul General

Thank you for your kind letter of congratulations on my election as First Minister of Scotland. My party and I worked long and hard during the election campaign and to have people in Scotland vote in such overwhelming numbers and put their trust in us is fantastic, but also a great responsibility.

My visit to China last year proved to me just how much Scotland's relationship with China has grown in recent years, representing a truly mutually beneficial collaboration. I hope that our two nations will work together for many years and continue to strengthen our relationship.

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