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Dear Consul General,

I would like to thank you once again for your kind invitation to dinner – the meal was excellent and I am grateful to your chef for the delicious food and the opportunity to try hot-pot for the first time.

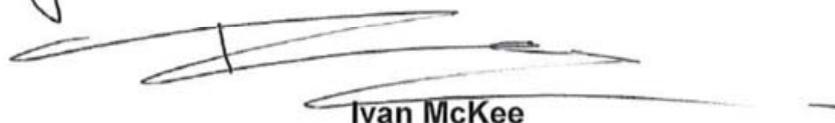
As we discussed, I am very much looking forward to my trip to China in early July. I am grateful to your colleagues in the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries for offering to host our delegation and for issuing invitation letters. I will pay a visit to the CPAFFC, among other government organisations as part of my trip, and I look forward to productive discussions around our countries' mutual interests.

I enjoyed our evening of conversation and hope to be able to work with you and your colleagues to build on the strong relationship Scotland and China already benefit from. I was very interested to hear about the upcoming Shanghai Import Expo in November, and my officials will consider what scope exists for Scottish participation in the Expo.

I was also grateful for the opportunity for an exchange of views on the ongoing situation in Hong Kong. As you are aware, the Scottish Government's view is that it is vital that Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy, and the rights and freedoms set down in the Sino-British Joint Declaration are respected in full.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your kind hospitality. If there are any issues I or my officials can assist you with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards



Ivan McKee

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