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Hello everyone

Dajia hao

It is with great pleasure that we are standing here before you today on behalf of the International Independent Learning Association – for several reasons

**Jintian wo-men hen rong-xing neng zhan-zai zheli dai-biao guoji zizhu xuexi xiehui
he da-jia jian-mian**

Firstly, my colleague Kerstin and I are honoured to be invited to help welcome you all to this wonderful university.

**Shou-xian, wo de tong-shi Kerstin he wo hen rong-xing di bei yao-qing dao zhe ge
fei-chang hao de da-xue lai huan-ying ni-men.**

Secondly, we are very happy to welcome you all to the 7th conference of the ILA. I was one of the original organisers of the first conference which was held in Melbourne, and Kerstin has been to every conference since then as well.

**Qi-ci, wo-men hen gao-xing huan-ying ni-men lai can-jia di qi jie zizhu xuexi guoji
dahui. wo shi xiehui de di-yi-jie Melbourne huiyi de zuzhizhe zhiyi, Kerstin can-jia
guo suoyou de huiyi.**

Thirdly, we are looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones, as we share an exciting few days of presentations at this conference.

**Di-san, zai jin-hou de ji-tian-li wo-men qi-dai he lao peng-you jian-mian, ye xi-wang
jie-jiao xin de peng-you, hu-xiang jiao-liu, hu-xiang xue-xi.**

And, last but not least, we are privileged to have the opportunity of visiting such an ancient and developed culture and country that is so different from our own.

Zui-hou, wo-men hen rong-xing you zhe-yang yi-ci ji-hui ling-lue gu-lao yu xian-dai jiao-rong de wen-hua he guo-du, bing-qie yu wo-men wen-hua wan-quan bu-tong de wen-hua.

We wish to thank the staff Huazhong University of Science and Technology for hosting this conference.

Zai zhe-li, wo-men xiang Hua-zhong Ke-ji da-xue de gong-zuo ren-yuan zhi-xie. Hen gan-xie ta-men zhu-ban zhe-ci hui-yi, tong-shi ye xiang yu-hui-de ge-wei tong-ren zhi-xie.

Enjoy the conference!

Yu-zhu da-hui yuan-man cheng-gong!

Kerstin Dofs and Moira Hobbs at the Conference

The Venue: Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China