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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 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.

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.


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


Enjoy the conference!

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

Kerstin Dofs and Moira Hobbs at the Conference

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