

Mr. Eiríkur Björn Björgvinsson

Mayor of Akureyri

Shanghai, 25<sup>th</sup> of March

Dear Mr. Eiríkur Björn Björgvinsson,

We cordially invite you to the *2018 China-Nordic Arctic Research Center (CNARC) Roundtable: Sustainable Arctic fisheries – from the ocean to the market* where we will explore diverse issues in regards to fisheries, aquaculture and collaboration on market access between Asian and Arctic partners. The *2018 CNARC Roundtable* will take place on May 23-25 2018 in Tromsø, Norway, in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium "*Integrated Ocean Management in the Arctic*", bringing together relevant stakeholders from China and the Nordic Countries, as well as other Arctic and Asian stakeholders.

In January 2018 the first Chinese Arctic Policy White Paper was released, stating: "China advocates protection and rational use of the region and encourages its enterprises to engage in international cooperation on the exploration for and utilization of Arctic resources by making the best use of their advantages in capital, technology and domestic market." In this spirit the CNARC Roundtable, which has previously had thematic focus on Arctic Shipping (in Shanghai 2015 and Dalian 2017), and Sustainable Arctic Tourism (in Rovaniemi 2016), will bring together relevant Nordic and Chinese stakeholders from industry, policy and research for a timely discussion on collaboration in regards to fisheries, aquaculture and market access.

We would highly value your participation at the event and cordially invite you to present the Municipality of Akureyri vision for the role of local municipalities towards the seafood sector and cooperation with Chinese partners on Arctic affairs at the *CNARC Roundtable 2018* (10 min. presentation), as well as providing comments during the roundtable discussions on Akureyri's vision towards stewardship in Arctic

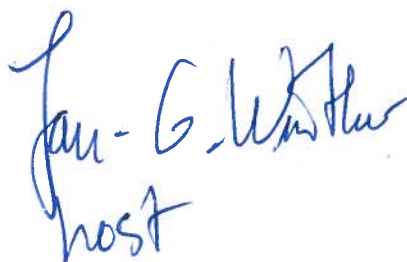
fisheries, aquaculture, and its cooperation with Asian partners on seafood-related issues. The *2018 CNARC Roundtable* will seek to address some of the key questions regarding protection and utilization of fisheries in the Arctic area, aquaculture developments in region and accessing the Chinese market with products from Nordic countries. Tentative questions are listed in appendix (page 3), but the organizers will seek your feedback on the most relevant issues to improve these key questions beforehand.

Additional to the *CNARC Roundtable 2017* Plenary on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, the invited Roundtable participants agenda includes a welcoming reception in the evening on the 23<sup>th</sup> of May, plenary session at the 6<sup>th</sup> CNARC symposium in the morning on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, as well as B2B meetings and relevant events in the host city on the 24-25<sup>th</sup> of May. The *CNARC Roundtable code* will apply Chatham House Rules to the Roundtable plenary.

The China-Nordic Arctic Research Center (CNARC) was established in the year 2013 in Shanghai. CNARC is a network of 15 Member Institutes, six Chinese and nine Nordic, which all have the capacities to influence and coordinate Arctic research. CNARC's purpose is to provide a platform to increase awareness, understanding and knowledge of the Arctic and its global impact, as well as to promote cooperation for the sustainable development of the Nordic Arctic and a coherent development of China in a global context. Further information on the agenda and registration will follow soon. Please **RSVP** as soon as possible, and **not later than 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2018**.

We very much look forward to your participation in this important event.

Yours sincerely,



Jan-G. Wasth  
host



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