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Wolfsberg Forum

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What is really happening in the Chinese Economy Now?

Tuesday, 23 January 2007, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Dear Sir/Madam

During 1980-2006, China's average yearly GDP growth rate was nearly 10%, while per capita GDP approached 9%. Neither rate of growth has ever been matched by any of the major western powers. "China, utilising one generation, has achieved what took other nations several centuries to accomplish" (The World Bank, 1999). "In human history, there are never so many people that experienced such a quick improvement in the field of the material life (Klugeman, 1999). For comparison, doubling the size of their national economy cost the United Kingdom 58 years (1780 - 1939), the United States 47 years (1839 - 1886), Japan 34 years (1885 - 1919), and Korea 11 years (1966 - 1977) – but it took China only 9 years (1978 – 1987).

This unparalleled phenomenon raises key questions: What is the source for the growth of Chinese economy? The Chinese economy may have grown very fast in the past few decades but what is its current status and what are likely to be the future trends? What are the challenges that China is facing now in view of the continuing reforms and present developments around the globe?

Professor Dr Zhao Xiao is the Head of the Economic Research Center, Macro Strategy Department of State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the China State Council (SASAC).

In addition, he teaches at the Management School of the University of Science and Technology, Beijing. He is a Guest Researcher for the World Bank China Center for Economic Research at Beijing University; a Special Researcher at China Society and Economic Reform; a Special Researcher, Unirule Institute of Economics; Observer for China Central Television's "Financial and Economic Report"; and has just been nominated for the China Young Scholar of Economics Award.

His fields of research are:

- Macro Economy and policy analysis
- State-Owned enterprise reform
- Market analysis and forecast

He has over 200 research publications in major economic journals in China, on topics such as

- Policy analysis on financial crisis
- Petroleum impact on Chinese economy
- Employment and enterprise development

Professor Zhao has pioneered the studies of market economy and ethics in China, and his "The real story behind Chinese economic growth" was approved as required reading for State Council economist conference by former Premier Zhu Rongji.

The SOHU Chinese Economist Think Tank reported that Professor Zhao's publications have the highest hit rate of any economist, author or columnist in China.

In 2005, Zhao Xiao was named as one of the ten "Young Leaders Of Our Generation" by People's Weekly magazine.

Please note that the presentation will be in Chinese, with translation into English.

Programme:

09.30 a.m. Welcome Coffee
10.00 a.m. Introductions, Presentation and Discussion
12.00 noon Cocktails and Buffet Lunch
Networking

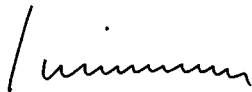
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Yours sincerely

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