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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of support for USA Visa to participate in International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Conference in Santa Barbara, California, USA (23-27 June 2025) for Mr. Chai Ning (male; DOB: 4 October 1985; Passport #: PE2332810)

On behalf of the executive committee of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture (ISSRNC) we are pleased to invite Associate Professor Dr. Chai Ning [School of Architecture and Design, Hunan University of Science and Technology] to present his research "A Study on the Narrative Restoration of Cultural Heritage along the Westward Migration Ancient Road of Xibe Minority in China" at the 2025 ISSRNC conference "Crossing Borders, Transgressing Boundaries: Religion, Migration, and Climate Change."

We look forward to seeing Dr. Ning on 23–27 June 2025 in Santa Barbara, California. Please see our <u>conference website</u> for details about our event. The conference will officially begin on the morning of 23 June, panel sessions will take place 24-26 June, and the conference field trip will be held on 27 June.

Because the presence of conference participants is significant for the success of the ISSRNC Conference, we ask that you offer all possible and appropriate assistance to facilitate travel to the United States of America in granting Dr. Ning's Visa application. Considering lengthy travel schedules, the participant's entry into the United States may need to be earlier than 23 June 2025 and their return to their country of origin may need to be later than 27 June 2025. All related travel expenses, including membership, registration, transportation, and accommodation, will be borne by the participant.

We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide us in expediting the application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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