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To whom it may concern,

The history of the Republic of China has been a complex and multi-faced one. The country has endured hardship and enjoyed glory. It has suffered defeat and basked in victory. Its land has been baptized by war, yet the people have turned their scars into beautiful laurels that they now proudly wear as a reminder of their strength and their endeavor to peace. Peace is the perpetual value pursued by all mankind and the ROC centennial is a special time for the nation to reaffirm its dedication to such a universal value. We are to turn the remnants of war into a symbol of our beliefs by melting down the artillery shells that once scarred our land and forge a "bell of peace". A bell which will help show that no matter what barriers or obstacles may be presented in its way, the sound of peace will ring through and true for all of mankind.

The "ROC Centennial Peace Day" seeks to transcend the desolation of war into a shining beacon of peace. The Taiwanese people will have a chance to proclaim their strong belief in peace to the world, and at the same time show the world, "this is where we are, after a century, through it all, we are here!" The event will also provide a platform for dialogue by inviting international experts, scholars and famous figures to explore the meaning and value of peace.

The "ROC Bell of Peace" designed by architect Kris Yao will be unveiled on August 23rd, 2011 to commemorate the historical day of cross straights artillery bombardments, and show Taiwan's dedication in pursuing the universal value of peace. A bell-ringing ceremony will be held on 8/23 at the "Kinmen Commemorative Peace Park". We will also hope to invite other countries to ring their peace bells with us simultaneously. International figures will also be invited to partake in the ceremony. In addition, local and international artists will be invited to create and show their works in exhibitions and performances held in conjunction with the event, and friends from all over the world will bear witness to the ceremonies. Various pre-event marketing activities and visits by international





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and local media will provide exposure to the event. It is our sincerest hopes, that the "ROC Centennial Peace Day" will inspire the people of Taiwan to examine the value of peace, promote the Taiwanese spirit in pursuit of peace and send such a message to the entire international community.

As mentioned above, we hope that the peace bells from different countries will ring out simultaneously. It is with sincere hopes that you would be able to allow your peace bell to ring out with ours and join us in the propulsion of the sounds of peace, allowing the message to reach all corners of the globe.

If participating in this event is something you see as a possibility we would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss any details necessary in making a joint ringing a reality.

Sincerely,

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