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Dear Mr Li,

Greetings from Government of West Bengal!

We are happy to inform you that the Govt. of West Bengal is organizing the 3rd edition of Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) on 20-21 January, 2017 in Kolkata.

The past two editions of the Summit in 2015 and 2016 have proven to be milestones in terms of establishing Bengal as an ideal investment destination, attracting participation from 31 countries. In BGBS 2016, investment proposals worth US\$ 37.4 billion were received across sectors. BGBS 2017 will bring together policy makers, delegations, academia, opinion makers and corporate leaders from around the globe to explore business opportunities, forge partnerships and collaborations. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) is the Summit Partner and KPMG is the Knowledge Partner.

BGBS tees off on 19th January with a Golf tournament at Royal Calcutta Golf Club, the oldest golf course in the world outside the British Isles, followed by a high powered dinner in the evening where Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ms. Mamata Banerjee will also be present.

The mega business event will be held over 2 days on January 20-21. On 20th January there are Inaugural plenary sessions with political dignitaries, policy makers, corporate leaders from India and abroad followed by networking lunch. A special interaction is being organized for international delegates from 4:30pm to 5:30 pm followed by a cultural evening and dinner. Sectoral seminars on focus sectors of the State are being organized during the summit which will culminate on 21st January into the concluding plenary session with Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State. This would be followed by special sessions on startups and B2B/G2B interactions.

There has been several high level visits from Canada to West Bengal especially from Markham and Alberta. We strongly believe that Canadian companies have immense business opportunities to explore in West Bengal. With the view to enhance our engagement, we wish to cordially invite you at the BGBS 2017. We would be further encouraged if you could kindly bring along a delegation of leading industrialists/ investors from Canada, who might be interested in exploring investment and collaboration opportunities in the state and be a part of the glorious journey through a sustainable collaboration with the state government.

West Bengal considers Canada as a long term partner and BGBS 2017 could be a befitting beginning to further enhance the existing synergy between two regions.

Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has been entrusted as the Nodal Chamber for carrying out all necessary coordination with regard to participation of the Canadian Delegation at the BGBS this year. Your office may please contact Ms Suparna Chatterjee, Deputy Director, at the ICC Secretariat @ 033 2253 4244 / 90073 07334 or email at suparna.chatterjee@indianchamber.net for all assistance and coordination that may be required.

I am sure this occasion will be an excellent forum to further promote closer engagement and cooperation in various fields and explore trade and investments opportunities between West Bengal and Canada.

I look forward to your valuable participation at the BGBS 2017 this year.

Yours Sincerely,

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