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INVITATION:

Taiwan-China Cross-Straits Relations – Outlook for Regional Security in East Asia

*An International Conference in
CERI, Paris November 23 and UAM, Madrid, November 25, 2004*

Dear Sir, Madam,

The European Alliance for Asian Studies is organising the forthcoming International Conference on '*Taiwan-China Cross-Straits Relations – Outlook for Regional Security in East Asia*' which will take place in Paris, November 23 and Madrid, November 25, 2004. As a specialist on political and economic developments in Taiwan and China and the relations between Beijing and Taipei, the European Alliance for Asian Studies is extremely honoured to invite you to participate in the Conference. The Conference will seek to bring together those with an active interest in political, economic and security developments in East Asia. The Conference will seek to assess comprehensively the current state of Cross-Straits relations further to re-election of President Chen.

During its first session, the Paris event will assess the changes that have occurred in the relations between China and Taiwan since the mandate of the President of Taiwan was renewed. The session will seek to explore alternatives for a political settlement and the inspiration that may be drawn from Europe. The second session will be examining some key factors such as trends of nationalism and the impact of trade and investments. The last session will discuss on the influence of international interests portraying and analysing the role of Europe, Japan and the US in pursuing their interests in the region.

To complement the first session from Paris, the conference in Madrid will begin with an assessment of the Cross-Straits relations highlighting the relationship between Taiwan and China on Asia Pacific stability and the succession of Jiang Zemin. On good governance issue, the second session will address specific issues of Taiwan-China investments. The last session will discuss the place of China and Taiwan in the International Community in practice and for the future.

The organisers expect to welcome a specialist audience of some 70-100 invited participants, including invited academics from across Europe and Asia, representatives of embassies, EU institutions and international organizations, representatives of the corporate sector with interests in East Asia as well as media-specialists.

We hope that you may actively contribute to the debates throughout the Conference. The organising Institutes are extremely honoured to welcome you to Paris and Madrid. We would kindly like to request that you inform us of your participation by replying directly to this email. Please mention your name, surname, position and organisation and whether you wish to attend in Paris, Madrid or both places. Alternatively, you can reply using the form attached to the programme.

On behalf of of the European Alliance for Asian Studies, I would like to express our sincere thanks for your interest in this topical Conference.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. van der Geest', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Dr Willem van der Geest

*On behalf of the European Alliance for Asian Studies,
Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels
Enclosed: Final Draft Programme*