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THE AMBASSADOR

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I wish to convey warm greetings to participants in the Silicon Valley Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum, and I congratulate the organizers on convening a truly distinguished group of speakers for this event.

I am privileged to serve President Obama as the U.S. Ambassador to China, a bilateral relationship of immense importance to our respective countries and to the world. China's economic transformation to a strong and prosperous nation has impressed the world and the United States welcomes this development. Our growing interdependence is a positive development that brings prosperity to both our people.

We are continuing to build new links between the United States and China through people to people exchanges and stronger economic ties. We have launched new initiatives to strengthen government to government ties at the sub-national level, to expand the market for U.S. products in China and to facilitate Chinese investment in the United States, recognizing that success in these efforts means new, higher paying American jobs.

Of course the growing economic interdependence between the United States and China is not without its challenges. We are working to ensure robust enforcement of intellectual property rights in China, which is critical for innovative companies, both Chinese and American, to compete on a level playing field.

I hope that participants will consider the U.S. Mission to China a business resource and I encourage you to visit "www.export.gov/china" for more information.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Locke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gary F. Locke