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AMBASSADOR

To the Participants in the Silicon Valley Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum:

It is my great pleasure to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Silicon Valley Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum. I congratulate the organizers on convening a truly distinguished group of speakers to encourage innovation and promote business partnerships between the United States and China.

The bilateral relationship between the United States and China is of immense importance to our respective countries and to the world. Our growing economic interdependence is a positive development that brings prosperity to both our peoples. America welcomes a strong, prosperous China that takes on greater responsibilities on the world stage.

We continue 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 state and local level. Furthermore, successes in efforts to expand the market for U.S. goods and services to China and facilitating Chinese investment in the United States mean new, higher paying American jobs.

Of course the U.S.-China relationship is not without its challenges. For example, we are working hard to ensure robust enforcement of intellectual property rights in China, which is critical so that innovative companies, both Chinese and American, can compete on a level playing field.

I encourage the participants at this year's Forum to utilize the U.S. Mission to China as a business resource and to visit "[www.export.gov/china](http://www.export.gov/china)" for more information. We at the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Consulates within China stand ready to help you develop stronger U.S.-China business partnerships.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Locke".

Gary Locke