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Dear Colleague,

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to UBM's ground-breaking Airport Cities conference and exhibition, which will bring together world-class expertise and opinion from aerropolis practitioners, innovative technology leaders and major industrial and service support partners.

We are very delighted to host the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of Airport Cities (ACE) 2016.

China recognises that airports are a catalyst for future economic competitiveness and that's why China is currently in the process of building more than 60 new airports across the country, in which some are destined to be developed as full-fledged aerropolises.

Qingdao is a major seaport, naval base, and industrial centre. The world's longest sea bridge, the Jiaozhou Bay Bridge, links the main urban area of Qingdao with Huangdao district, straddling the Jiaozhou Bay sea areas. In 2016, Qingdao ranks 79th in the Global Financial Centres Index published by the Z/Yen Group and Qatar Financial Centre Authority, the other Chinese cities on the list being Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Beijing and Dalian.

Strategically located, the city of Qingdao is part of a network of metropolis within the "Blue Economic Zone". This economic program promotes trade relations in the area. The new airport located 40 km north of the city centre, on the west bank of Dagu River, will be part of the national transport infrastructure. The new terminal will operate mainly domestic and cargo flights. The design should allow phased development within a 18.3 km<sup>2</sup> site, to process 38 million passengers per year in 2025 and 58 to 60 million passengers per year in 2045.

I look forward to seeing everyone this November.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jiao Yong Quan".

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