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Respected Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I feel honored to attend the first Energy Pact Conference. First of all, I'd like to extend my gratitude to the invitation and hospitality of our host. In the past two days, focusing on the themes of Energy, Environment and Development, participants discussed on how to enhance resource utilization efficiency, to protect ecological environment and to promote world economic growth, which are not only of significant realistic importance, but also show the great vision of the conference initiators. I am fully convinced that the outcomes of the conference will positively promote global sustainable development. On behalf of Tianjin Municipal People's Government, I would like to congratulate on the success of the first conference and extend my invitation to Energy Pact Foundation that Tianjin is willing to be the host city of the Second Edition of The Energy Pact Conference.

Now, I would like to introduce you our city—Tianjin

Tianjin, located against the Pacific coast, is a north China powerhouse, the biggest coastal city and economic center in North China, with a land area of 11.9 thousand square kilometers and coastline of 153 kilometers, a population of 11.76 million people. The distance between Tianjin and Beijing, capital of China, is 120 kilometers, only taking 30 minutes by express train.

Enjoying a history of 600 years, Tianjin is the second biggest financial and commercial center in north China, always being an important part in China's development strategy. The reform and opening up has brought great economic and social changes in Tianjin, and the overall economic power, city governance as well as people's living standard have greatly improved. In the year 2008, its GDP reached 635.4 billion yuan, with a 16.5% increase.

At present, Tianjin now is faced with hard-won historical opportunity. The central government of China, based on the overall economic and social situation, incorporated Binhai New Area into national development strategy. It now serves as the third economic engine of China in the 21st century after Shenzhen in 1980s and Shanghai Pudong Area in 1990s.

Tianjin Binhai New Area, situated on the coastal line in the east of Tianjin, covering an area of 2,270 square kilometers, enjoys enormous potentiality.

First, in terms of geographical advantage, with a vast hinterland radiating 12 provinces and cities, TBNA is the start of the Asian-European continental bridge in the east and an important sea port for neighboring landlocked countries. The cargo throughput of Tianjin port ranks the 5th in the world.

Second, in respect of industries, Binhai New Area has formed such dominant industries as electronics and information, automobile and equipment manufacturing, petroleum and marine chemical, modern metallurgy and bio-pharmaceutical. Aeronautical and astronautical industries, headquarters economy and service outsourcing are all flourishing. The construction of functional regions is accelerating with the promotion of major high-tech industrial projects.

Third, Binhai New Area incorporates the national-level development area, free trade zone, Binhai High-tech Industrial Zone, Dongjiang Bonded Port, attracting over 100 enterprises among top 500, such as Motorola, Samsung, Toyota and Airbus.

Fourth, in respect of science, technology and talent, Binhai New Area locates in the Circum Bohai Rim area where 27% of the talents in science and technology of China gather. It also sets up a batch of national-, provincial- and ministerial-level engineering centers and R&D centers.

Fifth, In respect of future development space, Binhai New Area boasts a large area of developable saline waste land and rich in detected oil and

gas reserve, which endows the area with a vast development potential.

Six, in terms of development policies, the State Council of China approved the General Plan for the Pilot Supporting Reform of Tianjin Binhai New Area which is entering the overall implementing stage.

In 2008, the GDP of Binhai New Area accounted for 49% of the total of Tianjin, growing into the major power to promote the economic growth of Tianjin. Binhai New Area is now accelerating its pace to integrate itself into world economy, improving the regional development and upholding the banner of reform and innovation.

Ladies and gentlemen:

Chinese government attaches great importance to the issue of energy and environmental protection. It has been written clearly that “putting people first and implementing the strategy of scientific outlook on development” is the guiding principle. Enhancing energy utilization efficiency, saving energy resource and reducing pollutant emission should be the priorities on our agenda. The goal to achieve energy conservation and emission reduction has been set in the eleventh Five-year plan of China. It is expected that by the year 2010, the GDP energy consumption per 10 thousand Yuan will be decreased by 20% comparing with the year 2005; the chemical oxygen demand and the emission of sulfur dioxide will be decreased by 10% respectively. These are major efforts made by

Chinese government in protecting world environment.

Tianjin Municipality has also always placed much emphasis upon energy emission reduction, recycling economy and ecological development, adopting developing model characterized with low investment, high production, low consumption, circulation and sustainability, which helps a lot in building energy-conservation and environment-friendly society. As the national level model city for cyclic economy, Tianjin has done a lot of efforts in developing cyclic economy and transforming development model, formulating the Plan of Layout for Tianjin Ecological Development, resulting in an increasing improvement of the ecological environment.

Ladies and gentlemen:

As a historical city with charm, Tianjin is a modernized city full of vigor and vitality. In 2008, the second Annual Meeting of the New Champions was held in Tianjin and we also successfully held the Olympic Games as a coordinator city for Beijing. Based upon our experience in holding world-class international conferences, we are confident and capable to hold a successful Energy Pact Conference with Tianjin characteristics. The hospitable Tianjin people are ready to present an outstanding conference to our guests.

Thank you all!