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Dear Fellow Members of the CES:

The CES Board for 2011-2012 has now completed our tenure of service. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you for the privilege granted upon us to serve you and the Society and all the support we have received from you during this term.

With your trust and support, our team has been able to continue the excellence of the existing CES programs and take initiatives to further enhance the Society's professional impact through a series of scholarly activities. Here are the highlights of the works we have done.

1) Institution Maintenance and Building

- We drafted and promulgated the "Bylaws of the CES Advisory Board" that defines the terms and conditions of the Advisory Board membership and institutionalizes the membership renewal and appointment. Following the bylaws, we updated the Advisory Board in consultancy of the CES Regents.
- We made amendment to the CES Membership and clarified the members' rights and entitlements in the CES Bylaws.
- We renovated the CES website design by adding a FAQ section to highlight membership benefits and streamlining the online procedure to join or donate to the Society.
- We revised, updated and enriched some important contents of the CES website, including a new version of the CES Statement and History as well as a complete list of CES publications.

2) Conferences

- The **2011 CES President Forum** was held in Shanghai on Dec 9-11, 2011, concurrent with the **11th China Economics Annual Conference (CEAC)**. The forum, under the theme "Challenges China faces as a middle income country", is the first CES event held together with the CEAC. It provided an excellent venue for the CES scholars to network and exchange with the economists based in China. The forum was co-organized by the School of Economics and the Institute for Advanced Research of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.
- The **20th CES Annual China Conference** was held in Kaifeng City of Henan Province under the theme "Development beyond the Middle Income Trap: China in Transition". A total of 120 papers in English and 60 papers in Chinese were presented in 45 sessions. Over three hundred people from all



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over the world attended this conference co-organized by Henan University, which celebrates its centennial anniversary this year. Two Nobel Prize laureates, James Heckman and Dale Mortensen, and several other distinguished scholars made keynote speeches. Four roundtable forums covered crucial public policy issues of China's economic development.

- The CES presented a session, "Growth and Well-being of the Chinese Economy", at the **Canadian Economics Association's 46th Annual Conference** on June 7-10 in Calgary, Canada. This is the first session organized by our Society at a CEA annual conference.
- Three CES sessions have been organized for the **2013 ASSA Annual Meeting**, January 4-6, 2013 in San Diego, CA. The papers were selected from 6 session proposals and 23 individual paper submissions.

3) Publications

- We have secured special issues from several journals – *China Economic Review*, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, *Frontier of Economics in China*, and *Journal of China and Global Economics* – to publish papers presented at the CES 2012 conference. We are in the process of receiving and reviewing papers.
- We are working on publishing a conference volume in English.
- We have contacted several publishers for the possibility of launching a second CES journal with a public policy focus. The unfinished mission will be passed on to the next CES Board.

4) Other scholarly activities

- The **CES Business Meeting cum Reception** was held on January 7, 2012 during the ASSA 2012 at Chicago. More than a hundred people attended the event and 14 representatives of 13 universities, schools, and institutes from China made recruitment speeches to the audience.
- On June 25, 2012, the Society conducted its **First Continuing Education Program** immediately after the 2012 Annual Conference. The conference keynote speakers and several former CES presidents shared experience of research and publication with the participants. The Elsevier Publishing also presented an author's workshop.
- Funded by **Gregory-Paula Chow Teaching Fellowship**, several CES members have been selected to teach in universities in China this year.
- Two winners and two honorable mentions were selected for this year's **Gregory-Paula Chow Best Paper Awards**.



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Our achievements have been built upon the foundation laid down by the hard work of previous CES presidents, boards and members. Special thanks go to former presidents and regents Jack Hou, Guoqiang Tian, Jason Yin, Yanling Wang, and James Wen for their advice and support, and to Shuming Bao for administrative assistance. We would also like to express our gratitude to the generous helps and supports from Henan University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs of China.

We now pass the baton to the 2012-13 President Tony Fang and the new Board with our support and best wishes for their continuous success.

Once again, many thanks for your support to our mission!

Sincerely,

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