

(Translation)

Beijing, 20 March 2012

Mr. Dewayne Hopkins
Mayor
Muscatine, Iowa
The United States of America

Dear Mayor Hopkins,

I am very pleased that my visit to the United States brought me back to Muscatine and afforded me an opportunity to meet you and other old friends. I was touched and overwhelmed by your gracious hospitality and meticulous arrangements, which reminded me of the happy moments I spent in your city 27 years ago. Though short, my visit to Muscatine is really unforgettable. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and people from all walks of life in Muscatine for all you did for my visit.

During my visit to the United States, I had extensive contacts with the US administration, the Congress and people from various sectors. The two sides reached consensus on many important issues including how to further implement the important agreement reached by the two presidents and how to promote the China-US cooperative partnership. I believe that with the concerted efforts of both sides, the China-US cooperative partnership will develop in depth and width and that the friendship and cooperation between our two countries and two peoples will grow in strength.

I appreciate the “golden key” of Muscatine that you honored me with and would like to invite once again all my old friends to China at their convenience.

With best wishes,

(Signed) Xi Jinping

Vice President
The People's Republic of China