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To

All the leaders of the Centres  
and Cooperating Members of ITI

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**Invitation to the Grand ITI 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Hainan, China – 23 to 26 November 2018**

Dear Leaders,

2018 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Theatre Institute in 1948 – the main partner of UNESCO, its main founder.

Due to the many anniversary events, ceremonies, conferences and festivals planned throughout the year, 2018 has been named **“The Year of ITI”**.

To celebrate the achievements of ITI, ITI Members, friends and partner organizations, the Executive Council of ITI has decided to create a **Grand 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**, in Haikou, the capital of Hainan Island, in the south of China – from 23 to 26 November 2018.

This **Grand 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is a four-day event. It is conceived as a celebration with international and local performances in the evening; keynote speeches, conferences, forums and workshops during the day; as well as ample time for encounters with friends and local people – plus some nice surprises.

The event will be held under the patronage of the governor of Hainan in an eco-friendly environment on an island that is known for its culture and nice, warm temperature, even in November.

Additionally, the event aims to help Hainan become a culture hub. As a result the topics of the keynote speeches, conferences, workshops, etc. will concentrate on “How to create a performing arts hub?”, “How to bring the performing arts to the people?” and “What educational efforts are necessary to create a culturally rich location?”

Moreover, the event grants the ITI members the opportunity to establish the organizations presence in a culturally vibrant part of the world, and will give an ideal opportunity to strengthen ties between existing and new friends.

Your Centre is cordially invited to take part in the **Grand 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. For this event ITI can offer your Centre local transportation, accommodation and meals from **22 November** (arrival) to **27 November** (departure) for one person. If you would like to participate with more than one person, please register as well, as it may be possible depending on the amount of registrations we receive. We suggest to you complete the application as quickly as possible. The available places are limited. Flights will have to be provided by the Centre or the participant.

To register, please complete the attached Application Link no later than **24 May 2018**. If you have any further questions, please send an email to **[hainan2018@iti-worldwide.org](mailto:hainan2018@iti-worldwide.org)**

Without the presence of Your Centre the celebrations in Hainan would be incomplete; with your Centre being there, you will help to make the occasion unique and grand.

**Vive ITI!**

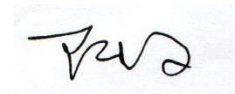
With very best regards,



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