**Invitation Letter**

**Faculty of Science, UPJŠ**, **Šrobárova 2, 041 54 Košice, Slovakia**

Date: 5 Novemebr 2024

**To Whom It May Concern,**

On behalf of the Faculty of Science at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University (UPJŠ) in Košice, I am pleased to extend an invitation to esteemed representatives from the China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT), Xuzhou, China, for a collaborative visit to foster joint research initiatives. We look forward to welcoming our colleagues from CUMT to advance our ongoing efforts in Smart City research.

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**Purpose of Visit:**
The primary purpose of this visit is to engage in collaborative research and discussions on topics related to Smart City development and environmental geospatial modelling, with the aim of strengthening the academic partnership between our institutions and exploring shared research interests.

**Research Topic:**
Smart City and environmental geospatial modelling

**Proposed Duration of Visit:**
December 1st to December 15th, 2024

**Visiting Delegation from CUMT:**

1. Prof. Hongwei ZHAO, President (Male, Date of Birth: 14-10-1976)
2. Prof. Zhengfu BIAN, Vice President (Male, Date of Birth: 26-09-1965)
3. Prof. Nanshan ZHENG (Male, Date of Birth: 06-03-1974)
4. Prof. Jiu HUANG (Male, Date of Birth: 15-04-1981)
5. Prof. Qiuzhao ZHANG (Male, Date of Birth: 10-05-1985)
6. Dr. Dongsheng ZHAO (Male, Date of Birth: 01-11-1992)

**Program of the Visit:**
The planned itinerary includes formal meetings with faculty members, research presentations, facility tours, and discussions focused on potential collaborative research projects under the Smart City theme. The program will provide ample opportunities for exchange and will include professional training sessions as relevant to the research topic.

**Travel and Living Arrangements:**
All travel and living expenses incurred by the visitors during their stay in Košice will be covered by the China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT), Xuzhou. CUMT will assume full financial responsibility for the delegation’s travel, accommodation, and daily expenses. Furthermore, CUMT provides a financial guarantee to ensure the delegation's return to China upon completion of the visit.

**Countersigning Officer:**
Dean of the Faculty of Science, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University (UPJŠ), Košice, Slovakia

We eagerly anticipate the arrival of our colleagues from CUMT and look forward to a productive exchange that will strengthen our mutual research efforts in the field of Smart Cities. Please feel free to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

**Assoc. Prof. Roman Soták**
Dean of the Faculty of Science
Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice