



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae **Luimnigh**

**Limerick City**  
& County Council

Forbairt Gheilleagrach,  
Ceanncheathrú Chorpáraideach,  
Cé na gCeannaithe,  
Luimneach

Economic Development,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick

**EIRCODE** V94 EH90

t: +353 (0) 61 556 000  
e: forwardplanning@limerick.ie

**To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council**

**Re: Mayoral Visit to Hangzhou, China**

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

The Economic Development Directorate has been working with the Irish Chinese Association and the Chinese Embassy in Ireland to strengthen economic ties between the two countries. Through the offices of the Chinese Ambassador in Ireland, the Council was introduced to the Hangzhou Municipal Government who are seeking an Irish Partner City for economic and cultural co-operation. A series of meetings since last April between the various interested parties have advanced the proposed partnership between Limerick and Hangzhou.

The Mayor has been invited to attend the Artificial Intelligence Facilities Urban Governance Seminar to be held in Hangzhou from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A meeting with the Mayor of Hangzhou and his officials has been scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December. The purpose of this meeting is to build on existing work to date and to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the two cities in the areas of mutual economic and cultural co-operation.

The estimated costs involved (flights, accommodation and transfers) will be in the region of €1,800.

In accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council is hereby sought for the proposed visit to Hangzhou.

Is mise le meas

Dr Pat Daly  
Director of Services,  
Economic Development