

Dear SMEWG Colleagues,

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Wish all is well with you.

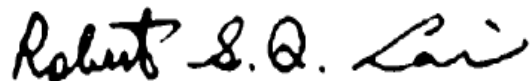
First of all, please allow me to express my gratitude to Singapore for chairing the APEC SME Working Group in 2009-2010 that not only achieved a major success, but also reached significant milestones for the four-year Strategic Plan. I truly appreciated Singapore for its efforts and achievement.

SMEs are the imperative anchor to current economic recovery. In the APEC region, SMEWG and peripheral meetings are important fora to exchange views on the SMEs-related issues and build momentum for cooperation between APEC members.

This year, Chinese Taipei is honored to serve as SMEWG Chair. The SMEWG meetings of the year will endeavor to achieve the goals set by the leaders and ministers as the main mandate. It is also on our top priority to contribute to the holding of the 18th SME Ministerial Meeting and to further the progress of the SMEWG Strategic Plan.

Chinese Taipei expects your continuous supports for cooperation in near future and participation in upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you this May in Big Sky, Montana, United States.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, SMEWG 2011-2012