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Dearly loved Bahá'í Friends,

RE: Bahá'í Literature in Chinese

We are most delighted to share with you the following information which we hope will make it easier for the friends in your community to access Bahá'í literature in Chinese language.

1) www.newlightbook.com

This website presents most of the Bahá'í publications in Chinese language that are being distributed on a complimentary basis in electronic format. You will be happy to know that most of the material that has been published in hard copies or soft copies by New Millennium Publications International (NMP), including a decent selection of music and songs, and a few titles that were published by Chinese official publishing houses are available for free download via this site. We understand that NMP is planning to make these publications available in other electronic formats for the convenience of users in the future. At this time, this site is only available in Chinese.

2) www.yiwenbank.com

This platform allows easy search for passages of the Writings or guidance in Chinese. On this site, the friends can help themselves with the Writings and guidance in both English and Chinese, the corresponding paragraphs of the publications in both the languages are placed side by side for the convenience of users. Kindly note that a list of “Standardized Terminologies” commonly used in Chinese are also available on this site.

3) A Bahá'í App in Chinese

This App carries all the Writings, prayers, and guidance that are currently published in Chinese and like “newlightbook.com” above, it also provides a good selection of songs, which are suitable for different occasions such as devotional meetings and children classes. The Writings and guidance are paired together in English and Chinese, just like “yiwenbank.com” in order to make it easier for users to carry out searches for specific passages in Bahá'í literature.

- I) Those who are using the “IOS” system are able to search in the “App Store” for an App called “巴哈伊文库” for free download and installation.

II) Those who are using the “Android system” are able to download the App from this site <https://baha.site> and install it in their electronic devices.

4) www.datongbooks.com

This is the website of New Millennium Publications International (NMP), and it presents all the publications that are in circulation in hard copy at the present time. The information on the site is available in both Chinese and English. Friends who wish to place their orders for any of the publications featured on this site may do so directly through this platform.

5) <http://igc.hk/igc/home,zh-hans>

This is the website of The Institute for Global Civilization, and is a useful resource for those who are engaged in research or academic exchange. There is a rich selection of publications on the Faith from mainland Chinese official publishing houses featured on this site.

You are of course also aware of the fact that the official site for the Bahá'í World can also be accessed in Chinese as well care of: “bahai.org/zh/”.

We hope the resources mentioned above will be of some use to Chinese speaking believers, especially those friends in your community who are engaged in reaching out to the Chinese speaking friends of the Faith. Attached to this letter is a translation of the content of this letter in Chinese language as well, which might be helpful to those friends who communicate in Chinese. Any further inquiry or suggestion arising from this letter or related to literature development in Chinese in general may be kindly directed to nmpmacau@163.com.

Our prayers are that the Blessed Beauty may strengthen you and bountifully confirm all your community building initiatives, including reaching out to the Chinese speaking friends in your region.

With loving Bahá'í greetings.