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Dear Professor Mourou,

By this letter we want to express our enthusiasm to join the International Zetta-Exawatt center IZEST, which was created a year ago (Nov 29th 2011) under the initiative of the ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE and the COMMISSARIAT A L'ENERGIE ATOMIQUE ET AUX ENERGIES ALTERNATIVES.

This letter of support will be replaced within six months by an MOU between SIOM and IZEST. The SIOM, subscribe fully to IZEST mission that is:

1. to definite novel laser architectures and road map of the next generation of ultra high peak power/Intensity.
2. to facilitate the scientific and technical coordination among members of the international scientific community eager to discover new paradigms under pinned by extreme high intensity lasers. Particular attention will be devoted to:
 - Electron and ion acceleration
 - Attosecond science
 - X-ray and Gamma ray generation and applications
 - development of very high intensity lasers.
 - applications like proton therapy.

Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (SIOM), Chinese Academy of Sciences is the Chinese oldest and largest research centre in field of high power laser science and engineering, where many pioneering works have been demonstrated.

SIOM contribution to IZEST will be in the areas of:

- novel sources of high energy radiations and particles,

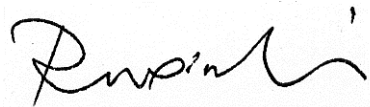
- Laser in the relativistic lambda cubed regime.

SIOM will actively seek National funding in the IZEST's relevant area of interest.

SIOM is expected to be an active member of the participant council formed by the heads of the IZEST supporting laboratories. By meeting twice a year the participating council will help to define IZEST's strategy before it is submitted for approval by the steering committee composed of the Ecole Polytechnique and the CEA. The participant council provides also constant scientific and technical guidance to its management.

Lastly, it is SIOM intention to participate at the first Participant Council that will be held at the next IZEST Conference on Laser-based High Energy Physics at Strathclyde, Scotland on Nov.12, 2012.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruxin Li', written in a cursive style.

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