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Mr. Jinxing Chen, President
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Dear Mr. Chen:


Thank you for your kind invitation to participate in your 2009 Chinese New Year celebration at UNF on February 1. Unfortunately, my schedule will not allow me to attend. Please accept my best wishes to you and the members of JCA for a healthy and prosperous Year of the Ox.

I am very pleased with the successes the JCA has made in our community to promote Chinese culture and commend your work with the Jacksonville Sister Cities Association as well as the Mayor's Asian-American Advisory Board.

I also greatly appreciate the contributions of JCA's many volunteers who constantly work to improve our community, and I thank you for leadership and initiative in such efforts.

Again, thank you for the generous invitation. Enjoy your celebration!

Sincerely,



John Peyton
Mayor

cc: Nancy Olson