

Invitation Letter

China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) will host the **World Adolescent Robot Contest 2019 (WARC 2019)** during August 11-17, 2019 in Chongqing, China. This invitational contest will invite international teams from WRO Regular Elementary and Junior High categories. Here we'd like to make invitations to all the teams over the world.

Competition theme: themes and rules for WRO 2019 competition season (SMART Cities)

Team composition: 1 adult coach, 2-3 team member representatives

Deadline for pre-registration: March 30th, 2019

Each age group and each category from each country is limited to **ONE** team. The accommodations, meals and local transportation of the team (1 adult coach and up to 3 students) during the contest will be covered by the host committee. Travel costs (including insurance fee) to and from Chongqing shall be borne by the team.

If you're interested in attending WARC 2019, please fill out the feedback form and send it to huangmeijun@semia.com before March 30th. Online registration will be open from May 5th to June 5th.

We hope your team will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you in Chongqing. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Runa Huang at huangmeijun@semia.com or Ms. Kewen Li at likewen@cast.org.cn.

Travel details:

Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG) will be the final airport destination.

Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport is the largest Airport in Western China. More than 70 lines have been Opened that link up Chongqing with over 50 cities in China and other parts of the world, including direct international flights to Hong Kong and Macao regions of China, Tokyo and Nagoya, Bangkok, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur, Dusseldorf.

Brief Introduction of Chongqing:

Chongqing, also known as “Yu” for short, is a world—famous historic city with more than 3,000 years of brilliant culture. After it became the nation’s fourth municipality (also the only municipality in Western china) in March, 1997, it has, at present, 40 administrative divisions of district and county under its jurisdiction, covering an area of 82,000 square kilometers and having a large population of 31 million.

Known as a famous “mountain” city, Chongqing covers a large area crisscrossed by rivers and mountains. Chongqing is located at the “dragon tail” of the Yangtze economic belt and the inland of the Three Gorges Dam area. It is the economic center of Southwest China and upper reaches of the Yangtze River; it is also the gate of Southwest China on water route and a transport pivot of that region. Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport is the largest one of this kind in Western China. Owing to its strong comprehensive strength in science and technology, a high level of scientific and technological development, a complete system of scientific research and development and a solid foundation for scientific and technological industry, Chongqing becomes a great power in the Western region, a S&T information center of upper reaches of the Yangtze River, and a modern base of high technology on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River. Chongqing has good “hard” and “soft” investment environment, which makes the city a focus of the world and attracts foreign investors. At present, Chongqing has established economic and trade relations with more than 140 countries and regions, has set up over 70 agencies of enterprise and trade in nearly 30 countries and regions. 33 of the world top 500 enterprises have invested in Chongqing. Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, Hungary have set up their consulates in Chongqing successively. Chongqing also established goodwill-city relations with 10 cities in U.S.A., France ,U.K., Japan ,Russia, Canada, Ukraine and South Africa. In



Chongqing, a new pattern of opening is taking shape across a wide range of sectors on multiple dimensions and at different levels.

Chongqing, China's youngest municipality directly under the central government, is opening its gate to the world with a new image to receive friends from all over the world for mutual business opportunities and development.

Famous scenic spots in August in Chongqing, China

1) Dazu Rock Carvings

Located in the west suburb of Chongqing City, **Dazu Rock Carvings** is one of the most famous attractions on Chongqing. There are more than 4,600 carved stone figures kept relating mainly to Buddhism, partially are Taoism figures. The figures in Beishan Hill and Baoding Hill are well worth visiting. The art of Dazu, which first carved in the late Tang Dynasty (618- 907) and flourished in the Song Dynasty (960-1127).

Dazu Rock Carvings is a general term of stone carvings in Dazu County, among which, carvings in Beishan Hill and Baoding Hill are the most famous ones. But all of them, as a whole, has made a great contribution to China art, taking into account a new realism and exaggeration in depicting the contrasts between good and evil, beauty and ugliness. Their layouts demonstrate an ingenious integration of art, religion, science and nature.

In 1999, Dazu Rock Carvings was listed as a World Heritage Site.

2) Ancient Town Ciqikou

Known as an Ancient Town that built during the Ming and Qing dynasties, **Ciqikou** is now a busy tourist attraction that located the suburbs of Chongqing, one hour drive from downtown.

With a history of more than 1,000 years, Ciqikou was once reputed for its temples, tea houses and historical relics. Nowadays, this ancient town has 12 streets in all and two of them, the main streets are the busy tourist routes, which have been taken up by all kinds of stores, tea houses and snack stands, etc. Shops sell porcelain, other handicrafts, and gifts, while restaurants and tea shops give visitors a look at what many areas of Chongqing were like before the metropolis became the vast urban agglomeration it is today. In the middle of the old town, you will find a 1,500-year-old Buddhist temple straddles the mountain.

3) Ghost City Fengdu

Fengdu is known as the "Ghost City" that located in Mt. Minshan, outside the Fengdu County, 168 km away from Chongqing. It is one of the most famous Taoist sightseeing spots on



northern bank of **Yangtze River**, with a history of over 1,700 years.

Early in the Eastern Han Dynasty (25 A.D. - 220 A.D.), Fengdu enjoys a title as the 'Ghost City'. It is said that, Fengdu is the very place where the innocent soul can go but the devils go to hell. According to superstitious legend, two necromancer named Wang Fangping and Yin Changsheng, have chosen Mt. Minshan, to practice Taoist teachings. Both of them later became immortals by carrying out self-cultivation. This story widely spread and makes Mt. Minshan famous. When combined together, their surnames Yin and Wang, sound very much like 'King of Hell' in Chinese, hence the people began to call Fengdu the 'Ghost City'.

Now take a visit to Fengdu, you will have chance to witness 'Hall of the Jade Emperor', 'the Palace of Hell', 'Boundary Between the Living and the Dead', 'the Ridge of Helplessness' and 'the Balcony of Nostalgia' that built during the Tang Dynasty.

4) Small Three Gorges

Small Three Gorges is a very exciting and famous attraction during the **Yangtze River** Cruise, 425 km away from Chongqing downtown. It refers to the three separate valleys of the Daning River, the tributary of Yangtze, namely "Dragon-Gate Gorge", "Misty Gorge" and "Dicui (Emerald) Gorge".

With a total length of 60km, this section is a highlight of the Yangtze River, with sheer cliffs and steep mountains raised on either side, is a place where you can board a small junk to enjoy the spectacular views and experience a water-borne sensation you never did before.

Subtle mountains, clear waters, pretty rocks, dangerous rapids, sharp turns, fantastic caves, and stalactites in various shapes, Lesser Three Gorges enjoys all the elements that made a site an outstanding one among others.

