Good morning,

I am pleased to learn that you will be participating in the NBER-SAIF

Economic Research Conference on June 29 and 30 in Shanghai.

The first order of business for those who don't already have a Chinese

visa is to apply for an F type visa (Foreigners who intend to go to

China for exchanges, visits, study tours and other non-business

activities.). For this you will need a letter from our hosts in China.

The letter needs the following information:

Name, as it appears on your passport

Affiliation

Passport Number and country

Date of Birth

Please let me know that and hotel information at your earliest

convenience through this link:

<https://www.nber.org/ll?u=olivia_mitchell&p=go5k&url=/conf/reply/SAIFs18>

Business class travel is authorized for this trip. You are welcome to

call our American Express office at 800-964-7409 and charge your ticket

directly to the NBER.

Hotel reservations will be made as requested at the Crowne Plaza

Shanghai, which is the nearest hotel around SAIF. It takes only five

minutes on foot from hotel to SAIF building.

I will share details about the program as soon as I have them.

Cordially,

Carl

Good morning,

I am happy to hear that you are attending the NBER-CCER Conference in Beijing in June.

There are two things that should start soon:  travel planning and visa application.

The visa most will be applying for is Type F for "[F]oreigners who intend to go to China for exchanges, visits, study tours and other non-business activities.  This application needs to be accompanied by a letter from the CCER.  To get you that letter I need

Name (as it appears on your passport)
Date of Birth
Passport Number (and country):
University Affiliation:

If you already have a Chinese visa, please let me know that.

For travel planning you should know that the nights of June 15, 16, and 17 will be booked for you at the Lakeview Hotel near Peking University and the conference.  In addition, I would be happy to book up to three nights at the Grand Hyatt in Beijing.  This is a very nice hotel downtown near the Forbidden City and other places you might want to visit.  Please give some thought to which nights you would like me to book.  I will ask you for dates as soon as I get the visa letters from the CCER.

Cordially,
Carl

Carl Beck
Director of Conferences

Dear Brent -

On behalf of Shang-Jin Wei and myself, I am writing to invite you to

join the NBER delegation to a May 2019 meeting in Beijing. This is

the latest in a long series of joint meetings that the NBER has

co-sponsored with the China Center for Economic Research (part of

the National School of Development) at Peking University and the

Economics Department at Tsinghua University. These meetings date

back to the late 1990s.  The

2019 meeting is scheduled for Thursday/Friday, May 23-24.

    We are planning this year's meeting around two themes: debt policy and economic development.  Your general expertise on international macro, and your particular interest in corporate saving, the labor share, and other issues that touch on debt policy, would make you a great participant for this meeting. Shang-Jin and I believe that there would be a lot of interest in your work from the local participants. Most of the presentations by NBER researchers at these meetings are summaries of their work at about the Journal of Economic Perspectives level.  You could select what aspect of your work would be most natural to present. Presentations usually last about 25 minutes. The Chinese participants, most of whom have Ph.D.s from North American universities, will present some of their most recent work.  The conference has historically offered a great opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the Chinese economy and to build connections to the Chinese research community.

    Aside from your presentation, your only other obligation is to be present for the whole meeting, and to engage in the discussion and interaction with the Chinese participants. There will be a group dinner on Thursday evening May 23, and an informal welcome dinner on Wednesday May 22 for those who arrive in time. The conference will take place from Thursday morning May 23 through Friday afternoon, May 24.

    The NBER will cover the cost of business class airfare to Beijing and provide lodging for the three nights of the meeting. In addition, if you would like to spend a bit more time in Beijing, the NBER will cover two additional nights in a first-class Beijing hotel before or after the meeting.  I hope that you will be interested in, and that your schedule will enable you to take part in, this meeting.

    Please let me know if you would like to join the NBER delegation. It would be great if you could!  I look forward to hearing from you -- all best wishes.

Jim