



## HOUSTON XIANGQI ASSOCIATION

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### Invitation to Attend Press Conference on 18<sup>th</sup> World Xiangqi Championship in Houston, Texas

To Honorable News Media Friends and Other Honorable Friends:

By the resolution of Executive Committee of the World Xiangqi Federation on November 4, 2022, American Xiangqi Association was awarded the right to hold the 18<sup>th</sup> World Xiangqi Championships in Houston, Texas. Year of 2023 is also the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the World Xiangqi Federation. After careful planning and coordination with relevant parties, Houston Xiangqi Association has decided to hold 18<sup>th</sup> World Xiangqi Championship from November 19 to 25, 2023 at the prestigious hotel of Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria. This is the first time ever to hold such an event in the United States. Being chosen by the World Xiangqi Federation to organize and host the 2023 world championship is an honor not only for Houston but for the whole country.

**We invite all of our news media friends and other guests to attend the Press Conference set on February 10, Friday, at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the beautiful balcony of Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria at 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77056, during which local dignitaries, business leaders and other guests will attend as well. Complimentary hors d'oeuvre and wine will be provided. All guests will get a discount for self-parking at the event.**

The World Xiangqi Championship is expected to include delegations from around 30 countries and regions around the world. More than 120 world-class players are expected to compete in men's, women's, and junior competitions. All participants and friends will be able to attend the grand opening and closing ceremonies in which all the top chess players, local dignitaries and community leaders are expected to come to celebrate.

The Houston Xiangqi Association is a founding member of the American Xiangqi Federation. It was established in July 1998 to advance the development of the game in Houston and throughout the US. Hosting this Championship will not only help to promote game of Xiangqi but will greatly enhance Houston's international reputation and standing. Participants and guests will be able to experience the hospitality and diversity of the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in the US.

Please contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

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