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IAC MEMBER CERTIFICATE

Goodwill Ambassador

To Whom It May Concern,

The International Academy of Ceramics (IAC) is an international association of professionals in the field of ceramics. The goals of the Academy are to stimulate fraternity and communication between professionals in the domain of ceramics in all countries, to further international cooperation in the promotion of ceramics and to encourage and support the highest standards of production and achievement related to ceramics culture.

Founded in 1952 in Geneva, Switzerland, by Henry J. Reynaud with the ambitious goal of bringing people together through the universal medium of clay and officially recognised in 1958 by UNESCO, the IAC is today the only ceramics organisation to work in official partnership with UNESCO.

Guangzhen Zhou (born in China, 5 October 1953, US citizen) is an internationally recognised and respected ceramic artist, educator and writer, and has been a member of the IAC since 2007. From 2014 to 2020, he served on the IAC Council as a representative for China.

Since his participation in the Fifth International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO in 2015 as the Representative for the IAC, Guangzhen Zhou has undertaken the monumental task of mapping global ceramic cultural heritage for his book "Overview of World Ceramic Cultural Heritage" (published in Chinese in August 2023). Mr. Zhou's research to survey ceramic cultural heritage world wide is ongoing and takes him around the globe, keeping in line with the UNESCO's spirit of "world citizenship" (see 2015 Forum's theme "*Rapprochement of Cultures: one Humanity beyond Diversity*").

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In recognition of his long-standing membership and to support his continued efforts, the IAC is proud to grant Guangzhen Zhou the title of **Goodwill Ambassador for the International Academy of Ceramics**.

We hope that this certificate facilitates his future travels and opens doors for the completion of this important work, which will be a valuable addition to the ceramic field globally.

With our best regards,

Torbjørn Kvasbø
President of the IAC

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