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Dears representatives of the Chinese Government, families, children:

The adoptive families of many countries we meet here today and we are very proud to could stay here in that special appointment.

On behalf of AKUNA Organization and the spanish adoptive parents we want to thank you for the invitation by the chinese government to our spanish adoptive families throw AKUNA's Foundation. Thanks to allow us to participate in this international campus for adoptive families trying to approach the home country of our children.

We also consider of great importance, and we received with great enthusiasm the ability to share our experiences with other families who came from different countries of the world. It is very interesting and emotive for all of us, and we are sure it will be very rewarding for everyone.

Also we appreciate this invitation by the Chinese Government Authorities because undoubtedly contribute to closer to their culture and especially the human part of the chinese people.

This invitation has led a small or "not to small" revolution in our lives, both parents and children. Most of us talk about China with our children in a naturally way but it is certainly different and this is something we should consider. We sense the change of scenerary might otherwise place us regarding our past experience and remaind feelings that until now had not arisen. Certainly all of these will be a great value because it will help to strengthen family relationships from a more comprehensive perspective.

Over the years many discussions have taken place between parents and children. At first timidly, our kids asked us questions about their origins and the reasons why they came to live in another country and to other parents. These were questions which in some cases could prove embarasing but gradually were giving us that they had the right and we have a duty -or at least this is what I think from my experience marked from two perspectives: On the one hand, as an adoptive mother on the other hand as a psychologist

at the AKUNA Foundation- to try to listen and discuss their parents doubts, insecurities, anger, fears, etc...

Adoptive families went to look for our children with great enthusiasm, with the obvious uncertainty tht procedures "the birth a new child" but in essence in our lives no structural changes occurred. Our life basically still in the process sought and desired for us.

They did a complete change, they had broken with the world thy knew, a World which even if not ideal for them, but it was the one who knew.

Our children have already grown a lot and they want to know more because in the depths of his being feel that much explanation we give them we need an approach to China to understand and to develop better trying to asimilate the reasons why they are in different countries.

There is something that they can not, should not give up: their chinese origin. They need to feel that if one day they had to leave their country this has not forgotten them.

All this is independent of your current life because they are happy with their families who have grown, which are, in most cases, fully integrated in the countries that have grown and they feel they are full citizens.

An important thing is to understand that the origins are not ignored and take place in the knowledge that it will help them to grown and strengthen their personalities and to feell in a safety envornmeint.

We can not overlook that our children are pre-teens and teenagers. At this stage of life anyone lives many changes (doubts, insecurities, etc.. They reach their maximum virulence ant it is time also to bring some light on those areas that might be a little dim.

Our children have grown and they need to strengthen their personality and we have to be their best help. Also we need you to cooperate with us in a wonderful proyect of life always between our two countries. Because our children belong to this two cultures and both are important for vital development. They have lived in a country that has seen them grow. Some times this desire can appear in a rejection way, China the country where they were borned.

I am sure for our children this campus will be an important place to meet other children who also came from China and they have been adopted in other countries. They can discuss their concerns and share feelings that many other children can not share. If they have already had friends from all over the world led them to grow in a better atmosphere.

For all this and more, we would thank you to give us the opportunity to stay here sharing with many families from other countries this wonderful and

special experience. It will be the beginning of a journey together that today we begin . We are very proud and grateful for this cooperation between our two countries that will help our children in their lives and souls to grow in the tolerance and understanding of their adoptive story.