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Dear Mr Karan Jani,

Greetings from Government of Gujarat!

It gives me a great pleasure to inform you that Government of Gujarat is organizing a Biennial "Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summit" since 2003 for fostering development in Industrial and Social Sector through promotion of investments and collaborations in Gujarat. The Vibrant Gujarat Summit provides opportunities to exhibit strengths and core competencies of Gujarat to potential investors and partners in different sectors from foreign Countries.

Since Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summit 2011, Education Sector was included as one of the development sectors. As a result, two International Conference Table of Academic Institutions (ICAI) were organized in 2011 and 2013 followed by National Education Summit organized in 2014.

With a view of enhancing Quality, promoting Innovation and strengthening Governance, Education Department, Government of Gujarat has now decided to organize “International Conclave on Higher Education” on October 18, 2016 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. The theme of the Conclave is “Transforming Higher Education: Quality, Governance and Innovation”.

The aim of the Conclave is to elevate Higher Education in India and would have Deliberations which will take place in the form of Key Note Addresses, Panel Discussions, Consultation Meetings, Group Discussions etc. in Plenary Sessions and Parallel Sessions. Around one thousand participants of International and Indian Universities and Institutions are expected to participate in the Conclave. The Conclave program would be as following

- Session 1: Plenary Session on Way forward for Higher Education in India- Quality, Governance and Innovations

- Session 2: Parallel Sessions-I
  - Vice Chancellor Session on Integrating Skill Development in Higher Education
  - Governance Reforms: Reality, Expectations and Way Forward
  - Creating a conducive environment for Startups: Innovation to Reality
- Session 3: Parallel Sessions -II
  - Action Agenda- Transforming State Public Universities
  - Best Practices in Governance: learning from World-Class Universities
  - Building Institutions of Higher Education for Innovation

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat – Shri Vijaybhai Rupani and Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Govt. of India – Shri Prakash Javadekar have given their consent to chair the Inaugural function of the Conclave.

In this context, I feel privileged to invite you to be distinguished speaker in the session and deliver address on “Building Institution of Higher Education for Innovation”.

I shall be grateful, if you could kindly accept our invitation and send confirmation at the earliest please.

With Regards,

Encl: As Above

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