

# IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee

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**TO:** Mr. Zhou Baoxin, Secretary-General  
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Association (CCSA)      **CC:** • Zhao Shizhuo, Cao Shumin, CCSA  
• Wen Ku, MII  
• Paul Nikolich, Chair, IEEE 802

**SUBJECT:** IEEE 802 Relationship with CCSA

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Dear Mr. Zhou,

Thank you for your kind letter of 24 January ([IEEE 802China05/02](mailto:IEEE802China05/02)). We appreciate your interest in the IEEE 802.16 Session of Sanya, China and hope, as you did, that such meetings can “encourage Chinese participation in IEEE 802 activities.” I enjoyed seeing many CCSA officials there, including Cao Shumin, and I was pleased to meet Zhao Zhizhuo, CCSA contact person for IEEE 802.

IEEE 802 appreciates the fact that CCSA would like to establish a friendly relationship. IEEE 802 would also like to pursue closer links and a friendly relationship. I am available to be your point of contact regarding any IEEE 802 issues. In addition, we encourage the development of specific contacts between groups at the working level. We acknowledge your interest in exploring cooperation regarding the IEEE 802.3, 802.11, and 802.16 Working Groups. We have already established close coordination between the IEEE 802.16 Working Group and CCSA TG5/WG3. The 802.11 Working Group has now identified IEEE 802.11 Chair Stuart Kerry and Member Alex Cheng as contact points who will be happy to provide more information on the group and its activities. We are not able to identify a specific contact for 802.3 at this time.

We have become aware of the difficulty of some Chinese participants in obtaining visas to attend standards meetings in the US, where many 802 meetings are held. We truly regret such difficulties and are trying to assist. We have learned that the US-based organization ANSI has recently published a useful guidebook entitled “United States Visa System: Information for Experts from the People’s Republic of China Attending Meetings of the ISO and IEC Held in the United States.” It is available here:

[http://www.ansi.org/news\\_publications/news\\_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=892](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=892) .

We have communicated to the US Department of State regarding the difficulties we face when our own members and participants are unable to attend some of our meetings. We have received some very specific suggestions to aid the possibility of visa approval. If you are interested in discussing this, please feel free to contact me.

We are interested in pursuing the possibility of holding a large meeting of some or all the 802 Working Groups in China. Such a large meeting requires advance planning. We would like to consider January or May of 2007. If CCSA would consider supporting such an activity, we hope to pursue the idea further. Please let us know of your thoughts.

We welcome your suggestions on further strengthening our relationship.

Best regards,

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