



INVITATION LETTER

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Dear _____,

On behalf of the Quanzhou "Maritime Silk Road" International Bridge Invitational Tournament Committee and the city of Quanzhou, we have honor and pleasure to invite the representative team of your respected country to participate in **The 1st Quanzhou "Maritime Silk Road" International Bridge Invitational Tournament** in Quanzhou, Fujian, China. The Tournament will be held **from April 18th to 21st, 2024**.

Quanzhou has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of its glorious history, lavish products and diverse religious cultures. To immerse you in the unique charm of Song and Yuan Dynasty China, as preserved in this World Heritage City, **Historical & Heritage Tours in Quanzhou** will be included in the tournament schedule. You will have the opportunity to spice up your tournament experience with the taste of delicious local food and many cultural attractions. We warmly welcome everyone to visit Quanzhou!

Please find the participation packages along with the **team entry form** and more tournament information attached to this invitation letter. For any further Information, please do not hesitate to contact us on your earliest convenience. The contact with the organizational committee can be made directly by sending us an e-mail to lyx2270@126.com. Please confirm your participation by **March 1st 2024**.

The team entry fee (¥2000/team), can be paid when you arrive in Quanzhou, as a guarantee of participation at the tournament. This fee includes: accommodation(3 double rooms per team), food service, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance and participation in the tournament. Additional charges may apply for specific requests.

Looking forward to your positive response.

Best regards,

Quanzhou Municipal People's Government

Contact E-mail: lyx2270@126.com

Team Entry Form

Tournament Requirements:

- Each team can have a maximum of 6 players, including 1 team captain.

Please provide each team member's information below:

Institution		Team Name	
1	Team Captain's Name		Gender
	Passport No.		
	Contact E-mail		
	Phone No.		
2	Player's Name		Gender
	Passport No.		
	Contact E-mail		
	Phone No.		
3	Player's Name		Gender
	Passport No.		
	Contact E-mail		
	Phone No.		
4	Player's Name		Gender
	Passport No.		
	Contact E-mail		
	Phone No.		
5	Player's Name		Gender
	Passport No.		
	Contact E-mail		
	Phone No.		
6	Player's Name		Gender
	Passport No.		
	Contact E-mail		
	Phone No.		

Please email this entry form to **Yongxin Liu (E-mail: lyx2270@126.com)** to whom enquiries may be sent.

Thank you for your support.

**The Schedule for the 1st Quanzhou "Maritime Silk Road"
International Bridge Invitational Tournament 2024**

No.	Date (April)	Phase	Time
1	17th (Wednesday)	Registration	14:00-18:00
2	17th (Wednesday)	Teams Captains' Meeting	20:00-21:00
3	18th (Thursday)	Opening Ceremony	8:30-9:30
4	18th (Thursday)	Qualification Phase - Round 1	9:45-10:45
5	18th (Thursday)	Qualification Phase - Round 2	11:00-12:00
6	18th (Thursday)	Lunch	12:00-12:45
7	18th (Thursday)	Qualification Phase - Round 3	14:00-15:00
8	18th (Thursday)	Qualification Phase - Round 4	15:15-16:15
9	18th (Thursday)	Qualification Phase - Round 5	16:30-17:30
10	19th (Friday)	Qualification Phase - Round 6	8:30-9:30
11	19th (Friday)	Qualification Phase - Round 7	9:45-10:45
12	19th (Friday)	Qualification Phase - Round 8	11:00-12:00
13	19th (Friday)	Lunch	12:00-12:45
14	19th (Friday)	Final Phase - Round 1 1/8 Finals - Session 1	14:00-15:00
15	19th (Friday)	Final Phase - Round 2 1/8 Finals - Session 2	15:15-16:15
16	19th (Afternoon)	Final Phase - Round 3 1/4 Finals - Session 1	16:30-17:30
17	20th (Saturday)	Historical & Heritage Tours in Quanzhou	All Day
18	21st (Sunday)	Final Phase - Round 4 1/4 Finals - Session 2	8:30-9:30
19	21st (Sunday)	Final Phase - Round 5 1/2 Finals - Session 1	9:45-10:45
20	21st (Sunday)	Final Phase - Round 6 1/2 Finals - Session 2	11:00-12:00
21	21st (Sunday)	Lunch	12:00-12:45
22	21st (Sunday)	Final Phase - Round 7 Finals - Session 1	13:30-14:30
23	21st (Sunday)	Final Phase - Round 8 Finals - Session 2	14:45-15:45
24	21st (Sunday)	Closing Ceremony/ Awards Ceremony	16:00-16:30

The 1st Quanzhou "Maritime Silk Road" International Bridge Invitational Tournament 2024

I. Tournament Format

The 1st Quanzhou "Maritime Silk Road" International Bridge Invitational Tournament is an open team tournament.

The tournament includes Qualification and Final phases.

Qualification phase: All participating teams will be drawn by the organizing committee into 4 groups (in principle, foreign teams and domestic teams will be mixed in a basically balanced manner, and no seeded teams will be set for the first edition of the tournament). Each group will play 8 rounds of points-based ranking matches, with 8 boards per round. The top 4 teams from each group, totaling 16 teams, will advance to the championship match in the final phase (If the Quanzhou representative team does not qualify as the fourth in the group, it may participate in the championship match of the final phase based on its performance as the fourth in the group, and the replaced team will receive a compensation of 1000 yuan) .

Teams that do not advance to the championship match in the final phase will carry 25% of their group stage points in the qualification phase to participate in the sectional Swiss teams event of the final phase. In the 16-8 knockout round, the 8 losing teams take 25% of their group stage points in the qualification phase plus 24VP and participate in the matches after the third round of the sectional Swiss teams event of the final phase.

Final phase: In this phase, the competition consists of two parts, the championship match and the sectional Swiss teams event.

The Championship Match

The top 16 teams participating in the championship match will proceed sequentially through the 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, and final rounds. 2 sessions of 8-boards each will be played. This process will continue until the champion and the final rankings of the top eight teams are determined.

In the Championship Match, teams will compete based on their performance in the qualification phase. The subsequent match schedule is as follows:

Winner A1B4/D2C3 vs WinnerC1D4/B2A3
Winner B1A4/C2D3 vs WinnerD1C4/A2B3

The Sectional Swiss Teams Event:

The remaining 46 teams that do not advance to the championship match will be ranked by performance and divided into three sections to participate in the sectional Swiss teams event. The teams ranked 17th to 26th (a total of 10 teams) play against the teams eliminated in the round of 1/8 (a total of 8 teams) in the A Section Swiss Teams Event. Teams ranked 27th to 44th (a total of 18 teams) will play in the B Swiss Teams Event. Teams ranked 45th to 62nd (a total of 18 teams) will play in the C Swiss Teams Event. The sectional Swiss teams event will consist of 8 rounds, with 8 boards per round.

II. Tournament Awards

The Championship Match (total ¥110,000):

Champion: ¥50,000

Runner-up: ¥20,000

Third Place: ¥10,000

Fourth Place: ¥8,000

Fifth Place: ¥7,000

Sixth Place: ¥6,000

Seventh Place: ¥5,000

Eighth Place: ¥4,000

The A Section Swiss Teams Event (total ¥25,000):

First Place: ¥6,000

Second Place: ¥5,000

Third Place: ¥4,000

Fourth Place: ¥3,000

Fifth Place: ¥2,500

Sixth Place: ¥2,000

Seventh Place: ¥1,500

Eighth Place: ¥1,000

The B Section Swiss Teams Event (total ¥11,100):

First Place: ¥3,000

Second Place: ¥2,500

Third Place: ¥2,000

Fourth Place: ¥1,000

Fifth Place: ¥800

Sixth Place: ¥700

Seventh Place: ¥600

Eighth Place: ¥500

The C Section Swiss Teams Event (total ¥4,800):

First Place: ¥1,500

Second Place: ¥1,000

Third Place: ¥800
Fourth Place: ¥600
Fifth Place: ¥500
Sixth Place: ¥400

Estimated Total Prize Money: ¥151,900 (including ¥1,000 for the compensation to the replaced team)

Tournament Committee
November 26, 2023