

Greetings from the President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson

The Zhongguancun International Computer Music Wave 2001 is a landmark event. Technology and music will be combined through inspiration and talent, thus uniquely enriching our culture and international experiences.

The co-operation between my small nation and the Chinese people has in recent years been strengthened by a great variety of cultural events and we are extremely pleased to be able to contribute to the creation of the Zhongguancun International Computer Music Wave 2001.

As it joins forces with music from many parts of the world, computer technology will provide us with a new cultural dimension and transform the potential for artistic co-operation in the 21st century.

The Zhongguancun International Computer Music Wave 2001 will be a truly international experience and I thank our Chinese friends for their contribution which demonstrates their challenging vision for the new century.

Extensive collaboration in arts and technology will in the years ahead bring the people of the world closer together and thus enable peace and harmony to prevail.

I wish you all both enjoyment and success.

Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson