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I am delighted that the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra will have a three-city tour of China next month in Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou's prestigious venues. I would like to extend my best wishes to the Orchestra as they commence their tour of China in this EXPO year.

Music gives a unique insight into a country's culture, its people and its heritage. I am confident that this concert tour by the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra will be deeply appreciated and enjoyed by many Chinese people, and that it will increase awareness of the richness and diversity of Irish culture. I wish Derek Gleeson and all of his colleagues every success with this tour of China.

Declan Kelleher
Ambassador of Ireland to the People's Republic of China
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