



**Mr Chen Wu
Yu Lin Governor
Guangxi Province
China**

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Mr Governor, esteemed Mr Chen

The Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) is the biggest world canine organisation in the world, gathering not less than 91 national kennel clubs on all the continents of the planet. It was created in 1911 and never stopped growing since then. Nine years ago, we were very happy to welcome the China Kennel Union into our family. Since then, the China Kennel Union developed and turned into a very active organisation, definitely orientated towards the welfare and betterment of dogs, thus adopting the basic principles that the FCI promotes.

We, the FCI and all the countries of our geographical sections (Europe, Americas and Caribbean, Asia and Pacific), are turning to you regarding the Yulin Festival that took place lately. The purpose itself of this Festival, the cruelty that it implies, the barbarian treatment applied to the dogs in the Province are totally unacceptable.

We therefore ask the authorities of Yu Lin, Guangxi Province, to put an immediate end to this unbearable and inhumane activity.

The FCI, as an institution, and more particularly our member in China, the China Kennel Union, are willing to provide all their expertise and knowledge to help educate people, to raise awareness among the population that the Dog is Man's Best Friend and is a living entity, sharing our lives and living with our families.

We see the organisation of the 2019 World Dog Show, entrusted to CKU on the occasion of our General Assembly two weeks ago in Milano, as an excellent opportunity to educate the Chinese population regarding respect for dogs welfare and responsible dog ownership.

We thank you for all the efforts that you will agree to do in order to ensure that this awful slaughter will cease immediately once and for all.

Yours sincerely

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