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Dear ATMoB Members and Friends:

Greetings. I am Joel Harris, the President and Founder of Twilight Tours, Inc. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and to personally extend a warm welcome to those of you who are harboring an abiding interest in the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse (TSE) to occur in China in July, 2009.

I'm particularly proud to be collaborating with two friends of long standing --- and a pair of highly respected amateur astronomers --- Bernie Volz and Dr. Mario Motta. Specifically, I have had the pleasure of knowing Bernie since 1992, when he participated in one of my eclipse trips (to Uruguay and Chile), and subsequently joined two succeeding trips in 1994 and again in 2001. Mario and I first met during the course of 1994 trip to Bolivia, South America, when he elected to join Bernie on that tour, and then participated again in 2001 in Zambia, Africa.

Together, the three of us have crafted a compact, highly focused, short program version of the tour being offered to past participants in Twilight Tours prior eclipse trips. Specifically, this trip has been <u>exclusively designed</u> for ATMoB members and friends, with the intent of providing a tour that enables you to observe the eclipse (Weather Gods permitting, of course) and get a very brief "taste" of the culture of Mainland China --- without having to take out a second mortgage on your home.

A couple of cogent comments I'd like to express here....

One: we are still almost three years out from tour departure. That said, I want to stress that the price you will see on the registration form residing in this sequestered portion of Twilight Tours' web site is based on current costs, as of <u>July 2006</u>. We anticipate some increase in this price before 2009, although we do not know the degree by which it will go up. I want to bring your attention, however, to the fact that this price is subject to change over the next 34 months.

Two: for those of you with more time and fiscal resources on your hands, I would encourage you to review the longer, 13 day program that Twilight Tours is offering to the general public, shown on our public web site. Additionally, Bernie, Mario and I are working on a "post eclipse" extension option, again, to be offered exclusively to the ATMoB members and friends. We'll have more details about that option as we get closer to the time of the tour.

In the interim, I would encourage you to please feel free to contact Bernie, Mario, or myself, with any questions pertaining to this tour. Also, please be aware that this short program has a limited amount of space and that as of January 2007, we will open the tour up to the general public.

Thanks for your valuable time and attention. We hope to have the pleasure of your company on this very exciting, exotic, and memorable eclipse trip, come July 2009.

Clear Skies

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