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Dear Mr. Jianzheng Liu,

Thank you so much for submitting your paper to the 2015 Karen R. Polenske Award. Your active participation is critically important to the success of this Award.

The IACP Technical Review Committee has carefully reviewed your paper and concluded that your paper is interesting and well-written, addressing critical topics in urban planning. The Committee has the following comment on your paper titled "A nighttime light imagery estimation of ethnic disparity in economic well-being in mainland China and Taiwan (2001–2013)".

"This paper is well organized and written. It addresses a timely and important issue in China: economic disparity among ethnic groups. Previous studies rely on the data from yearbooks at fixed administrative boundaries. The paper adopts an innovative approach by using nighttime light imagery as a proxy for economic well-being. It concludes that the human development level of non-Han Chinese is increasing all the time, and the disparity between non-Han Chinese and Han Chinese is reduced. "

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that you are the winner of this year's Karen R. Polenske Award (\$1,000 total), provided that you will present your paper at the 9<sup>th</sup> IACP Conference in Chongqing, China.

Congratulation! Look forward to seeing you in Chongqing this June.

Sincerely,



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