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Zihan Mei
Professional Reference

I am writing this letter to give my full support for Zihan Mei in his application to your distinguished program. I have served as his supervisor during his internship at HASSELL Studio (Shanghai) since May 2018. He has participated in and contributed to several projects including Zhengzhou CGO Yasin Marriott Hotel Mixed-use, Shanghai Sanlin Vanke Retail, Xiamen XMN Shimao Retail and 2021 Shanghai Flower EXPO Master Planning. I have had the opportunity to observe his work and get to know him well. I believe his work potential and academic background perfectly fit the requirements needed for him to follow his career ambitions abroad.

From the offset, I noticed that Zihan Mei was a diligent and dedicated intern. As a newcomer at the company, Zihan was not familiar with the operational mode initially. However, he possessed a rather strong thirst for knowledge, leading him to invest a lot of time and energy into the projects, and successfully finish five lot models and twenty body models in the end. Moreover, he could efficiently modify the drawing work multiple times according to the latest discussion results. To illustrate, when working on a 120M office tower section drawing, model making and renderings, Zihan could duly and swiftly modify the work to meet the project's needs. What's more, he could also be highly motivated enough to corporate with the team to finish the work, even sacrificing his weekends and weekday rest time. His prominent performance among the interns not only exhibited his abilities, but also embodied his spirit of dedication.

Based on his diligence and efficiency, Zihan possessed great learning ability. As a newcomer, Zihan could adapt to the working environment quickly, and sharply mastered the software such as Grasshopper, Enscape, Revit, and Python. Another valuable aspect was that he always maintained a willingness to learn. Thus, there was no doubt that with his good master of grasshopper, he took the role of technique assistant in the team within just half a month. Due to Zihan's professional technology and excellent performance among the interns, he gradually became a core role in the team.

Moreover, Zihan also has highly developed communication skills and team work spirit. During the Zhengzhou Marriott project, Zihan participated in the interacting with the owners, planning department and group discussions actively. In the interaction that took the concept to the drawings and the model, Zihan could get across the intention of the other party, and actively helped the team complete the project successfully.

In summary, Zihan has a great attitude and a passion for architecture. During the period he worked at HASSELL, he contributed to several tasks necessary for project development, was always positive, and consistently displayed a great learning attitude, and willingness to collaborate. I believe his enthusiasm in his search for knowledge and creativity will help him to become an excellent researcher in your program and, hence, I give him my highest recommendation. If you need more information, please feel free to contact me..

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Klevis Koco', with a stylized, flowing script.

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