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Dear Ken,

I am writing to you to invite you to participate, as yourself in your capacity as a lawyer, in this art work that I want to produce.

I would like you to select books that are readily available in bookshops in Shanghai that touch on the idea of the law; including both fiction and non-fiction books. They can be textbooks that law students use for their studies, books that lawyers use for reference, copies of the legal acts, novels where characters get entangled with the law, books that touch on the history of the law, maybe even books on scientific laws. I want you to interpret the idea of 'the law' when you think about this list.

I will use this list of books that you provide to gather the books and open a small bookshop on the ground floor of the Rockbund Art Museum, displacing the gift shop, transforming the space into a bookshop that touches on legal issues.

The name of the bookshop is called 'Legal Books (Shanghai)'.

In return, I would like to compensate you for your time in the project. Please let us know how much you charge per hour, as a lawyer, and we will discuss how many hours of your time we can afford to hire you for.

I hope that you will find this idea interesting, and that you can be the crucial person we are looking for.

Best regards,
Heman