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PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

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Mr John Hartnett  
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Dear John,

I am delighted to extend to you my warmest congratulations on being the recipient of the San José – Dublin Sister City Programme's 2011 Spirit of Ireland Award. I understand that this is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Programme, enhancing further the special nature of the Award to you. The Award recognizes the important and valuable work that you and the Irish Technology Leadership Group are doing in promoting links between Ireland and the US, and in particular between Ireland and Silicon Valley.

In these challenging times for Ireland, we need to seize every advantage at our disposal. In the ITLG you bring together two great forces – the power of our global family and the power of technology and innovation – and are harnessing them to the practical benefit of Ireland, North and South. I commend you and all your colleagues at the ITLG, under the leadership of Craig Barrett, for what you do so well. In particular, as we celebrate St Patrick and his powerful legacy, I send my best wishes to you on this great personal honour and also convey greetings to all the guests attending the very special event in San José.

Yours sincerely,

Mary McAleese  
President of Ireland