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Subject: Shun Ye: be warned

I just had my daily conversation with Shun Ye. The ROM just presented Shun Ye will a bill for C\$11,000 for packing of the exhibit. Shun Ye has asked us to pay and I have flatly said no. This is a grey area since Shun Ye was responsible for curating and preparation costs and we are responsible for transportation. Yiting was being friendly, saying that she will look up the minutes of the meeting to see who should pay, but I said that we are not prepared to pay. If Shun Ye wants to argue with ROM (who are completely irresponsible for not warning Shun Ye how big a bill this would be) that is fine, but I do not want us to be involved. I asked Yiting if she wants to start a fight with the CTOT over this and she gave the "no no buhaoyisi" spiel. We have to hold the line on this one, even if it means a week or two of strained relations, so if either of you are talking to Shun Ye, do not open any room for compromise on this. You can refer it to me, and I am unfortunately going to be unavailable for comment. We are picking up a lot of expenses here and there but this would break the bank.

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