

December 9, 2020

Dear President QIU Yong,

It is with great pleasure that we wish to congratulate Tsinghua University on its 110th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the long-standing partnership between UC Berkeley and Tsinghua University, as well as Tsinghua University's exceptional achievements, particularly in light of COVID-19's unprecedented impact on higher education. Firstly, we stand by Tsinghua's statement at the Times Higher Education (THE) World Academic Summit that the global pandemic should be conceptualized as a new dawn for higher education. We have projected new directions and hopes for the post-pandemic era: institutions of higher education should be more integrative, inclusive, and student-driven; and, we ought to seize the opportunity to address these changes together on a global scale. Secondly, we appreciate that, despite physical separation, Tsinghua University still prioritizes its mission to educate younger generations, in-person or online, and conduct research for the common good. At UC Berkeley, we devote ourselves to empowering engaged thinkers and global citizens to change our world, focus on innovative solutions to society's great challenges, support and lead research that creates knowledge and makes possible the innovations of tomorrow, and develop curricula that inspire adaptive and creative leaders. Knowing that Tsinghua University shares the same values, it brings us great confidence in being able to contribute jointly toward the greater good of humanity. With the continuous effort that we have observed from Tsinghua University, on behalf of UC Berkeley, I sincerely wish your sustained success, and look forward to greater collaboration between our two universities.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Christ
Chancellor