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President QIU Yong
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Dear President Qiu,

On behalf of the entire Duke University community and our partners at Duke Kunshan University, I am delighted to congratulate you on Tsinghua University's 110th anniversary. The Global Forum of University Presidents is a fitting celebration of this momentous occasion, and we are sending our very best wishes for what we know will be a successful forum.

Duke has benefitted from a vibrant relationship with China since well before we became a university. Our very first international student, Han Jiaozhun, or Charlie Soong, came to what was then Trinity College in 1880 from Hainan province. And we take pride in Duke Kunshan University, our innovative joint venture university in Jiangsu province. Over the decades, thousands of Chinese and Chinese-American students, faculty, staff, and visitors have come to our campus to study, work, conduct research, and treat patients. These colleagues, classmates, friends, and neighbors are a vitally important part of our university community.

We are particularly grateful for our many research partnerships with Tsinghua University. Yours is one of the leading institutions in the world, home to pathbreaking research in the sciences and technology and innovative teaching in every field. We hold Tsinghua in the highest esteem, and we look forward to many opportunities for continued engagement in the years ahead.

Congratulations on this important anniversary. We hope that you have an extraordinary celebration as you work toward a very bright future ahead.

Very best wishes,

Vincent Price
President, Duke University