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Prof. Qiu Yong  
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Dear Prof. Qiu Yong,

Please accept our most sincere congratulations to the 110th anniversary of the naming of Tsinghua University.

We are delighted to note that Tsinghua University has made great achievements in the past 110 years, becoming a leading research university with extremely high prestige not in China, but also worldwide. It is a great pleasure for the University of Padua to work in partnership with Your esteemed University and we are pleased to see that our collaboration has been strengthened and extended to a wider range of areas in the recent years.

In this critical moment for Italy, as sadly for many countries around the world, the University of Padua, promptly responding to the Strategic Plan for vaccination against Covid19 approved by the Italian Ministry of Health, with the authorization of the Veneto Region, has independently proceeded to organize the vaccination campaign for its staff. The project has involved the Preventive Medicine Service, the Departments of the medical area, the School of Medicine and Surgery and the Italian Red Cross, Padua branch, partner of this initiative. According to the latest available data, approximately 70% of the staff has been vaccinated.

Moreover, the University Hospital has also played an important and strategic role for the containment of the pandemic not only in terms of assistance to patients on the front line, coordination with the government, but also scientific researches, one of the pillars of the University.

Through the vaccination campaign, dual mode teaching and periodic molecular tests, we intend to provide multiple tools to ensure the maximum level of daily safety for all components of the University, contributing to the return to normal life academic - including the collaborations with Chinese partners.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your continuous support and collaboration. We believe that Tsinghua University will continue its excellency and achieve even greater results in the near future. I hope that I can welcome you in Padua or visit the Tsinghua University when the situation improves.

Yours sincerely,

Rosario Rizzuto

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Rizzuto', with a stylized flourish at the end.