

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

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VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

President QIU Yong Tsinghua University 30 Shuangqing Road, Haidian District Bejing, China

Re: Tsinghua University's 110th Anniversary Celebration

Dear President QIU:

Thank you so much for inviting me to represent Syracuse University at the 110th Anniversary celebrations for Tsinghua University. All of us at Syracuse University are so grateful for the rich and fruitful partnership that has existed between our institutions for many years, and we look forward to many more years of working together. I am particularly impressed by how well our partnership has developed to meet the evolving needs of our institutions. That takes focus and dedication, found only in the best of institutional partnerships.

Unfortunately, my schedule and the demands of operating Syracuse University during the COVID-19 pandemic prevent me from traveling to China to celebrate with you and your faculty, staff, alumni and students in person. I am pleased to note, however, that I will be submitting a video message of thanks and congratulations.

Please know how much I regret missing your anniversary celebration, and I hope that my video message of gratitude and congratulations can adequately convey the immense value that Syracuse University places on our partnership. Given the outstanding international reputation of Tsinghua University, and the incredible work generated by its scholars, students and alumni, we are very proud to be your institutional partner.

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Best of luck with your celebration planning, and thank you again for the kind invitation. And, of course, congratulations on this significant milestone.

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