

Tsinghua University  
President Qiu Yong  
Beijing  
100084, P. R. China

- via e-Mail -

### **Congratulations on the anniversary of Tsinghua University**

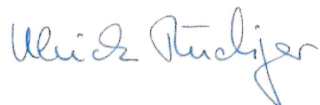
Dear President Qiu Yong,  
Dear colleagues and students from Tsinghua University,

With great pleasure I submit my felicitation to Tsinghua on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of your university. The history of your institution is impressive. Starting as a college in 1911, Tsinghua always mastered to re-emerge from disruptive times even stronger than before and has become a world-leading research university at a breath-taking speed.

RWTH is proud to call itself a partner of Tsinghua for 40 years now, as the first agreement on cooperation in teaching and science was signed in June 1981. 20 years later and thus another jubilee for both our universities, the double degree program in Mechanical Engineering was established and flourished ever since. More than 900 students from both universities participated in this pioneering program; from these agreements on, a strong relationship was forged, between our universities and beyond that, between our countries as many of our alumni nourished the ties to their host countries. Tsinghua is our first strategic partner and we are sharing plenty of joint research projects with more initiatives and projects underway. In December 2020, we reached a new peak in cooperation when co-funding the Global MOOC Alliance, a Tsinghua initiative we feel honored to be part of.

I am glad that I had the opportunity to visit Tsinghua in 2019 when it was still possible. I remember both the excellence of your researchers and scientific facilities as well as the beauty of your campus and the hospitality. It is my sincere hope that we will soon emerge successful from the fight against Covid-19 and once again be able to extend an invitation to host colleagues and students from Tsinghua University here in Aachen and to return to visit our close partners and friends in Beijing.

Sincerely



Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Dr. h. c. mult. Ulrich Rüdiger

### **The Rector**

Univ.-Prof. Dr. rer. nat.  
Dr. h.c. mult.  
Ulrich Rüdiger

Templergraben 55  
52062 Aachen  
GERMANY

Phone: +49 241 80-94001  
Fax: +49 241 80-92102

rektor@rwth-aachen.de  
www.rwth-aachen.de

**08.12.2020**