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Professor QIU Yong President, Tsinghua University Beijing, PR China

Dear President Qiu,

I sincerely thank you for the invitation to participate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Tsinghua University and I would like to convey my heartiest congratulations and my best wishes to you for such an important anniversary.

Tsinghua is known as one of the most prestigious and influential universities in China and in the broader international higher education community. I am very impressed by your commitment to cultivating global citizens who will thrive in today's world and become tomorrow's leaders. I am also impressed by your pursuit of education and research at the highest level, and your work to develop innovative solutions that help solve pressing problems in China and the world. I recognize your outstanding pursuit of knowledge and excellence in cutting-edge and interdisciplinary research and innovation, as well as internationalization.

We are proud that our university has a close relationship with Tsinghua University, and we have collaborations in both joint academic programs and joint research. Our respective researchers are actively collaborating, publishing hundreds of articles together over the past 5 years. We share many of the same priorities: cutting-edge research, student innovation and entrepreneurship. I am confident our collaboration will deepen and broaden during the coming years, reaching many faculty, staff and student members.

Please let me conclude by wishing you great success on Tsinghua's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the virtual "Global Forum of University Presidents 2021 (GFUP) Innovate for the Future: Vision and New Missions of Universities.

Yours sincerely,

Feridun Hamdullahpur

President and Vice-Chancellor

