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Dear Professor Qiu

On behalf of The Australian National University, I offer my sincere best wishes to you and to everyone at Tsinghua University for this New Year of the Ox. I also offer my warmest congratulations on occasion of Tsinghua's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. This is a significant milestone for your institution and for the development of higher education in China. The Australian National University is proud to be a valued friend of Tsinghua.

The last year has been particularly challenging for universities across the globe. Tsinghua's commitment to retaining and developing international ties between universities during the pandemic has been impressive, whether through your UNESCO Special Dialogue on education, which I joined in April 2020, or your new and innovative online learning platforms for students in China and around the world. Through your leadership, you are demonstrating the power of great universities to connect with their communities in trying times.

Under your leadership, the Tsinghua-ANU partnership has grown stronger across a broad spectrum of teaching and research activities. Our longstanding Tsinghua-ANU Masters of Management program is a source of great pride and we have seen exemplary work from our academics, administrators and students to pivot to remote learning within that program. The program and its excellent alumni are testament to the power of our shared commitment to high-quality education.

In celebration of the Tsinghua anniversary, I am delighted to present to you a gift from our community. The enclosed artwork is entitled 'Snake Vine Dreaming' and was painted by northern Australian indigenous artist Geraldine Napangardi Granites. It represents the native snake-vine plant which is important in Indigenous culture for its medicinal uses and is used in an initiation ceremony for young people in the Japanangka nation. Granites' work demonstrates the universality of education and how cultures and people across the world prepare our young people for the future. I am honoured to present this artwork and its message to Tsinghua University.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. P. Schmidt'.

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