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Dear Professor Qiu,

I am writing to thank you for your kind invitation to take part in the Global Forum to celebrate Tsinghua's 110th anniversary. Unfortunately, other commitments will prevent me from joining the event but I would be interested to see any recordings or other outcomes of the discussions.

Tsinghua University is one of Oxford's most important partners in China. According to Scopus, Elsevier's citations database, since 2013 researchers at our Universities have collaborated on more than 1,500 publications.

As I have said many times before, the ability of institutions in different parts of the world to collaborate is one of the vital components of contemporary academia. I see that sessions at the Forum will include discussions on the responsibility of universities to contribute to carbon neutrality and the leadership role higher education can play in international affairs; these are precisely the kinds of important topics that we must continue to discuss, collaborate on, and, through our joint efforts, drive global change in.

I wish you congratulations on reaching an important anniversary and best of luck for the Forum. I am sure the faculties of Oxford and Tsinghua will continue to work closely together.

Very best wishes.

Professor Louise Richardson Vice-Chancellor