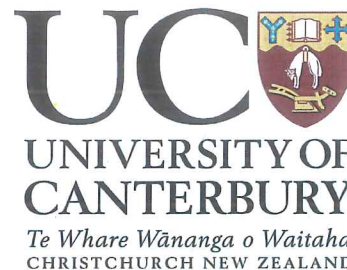


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Tēnā koe President QIU Yong,

On behalf of the University of Canterbury, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Tsinghua University on the 110th anniversary of your prestigious institution. We are impressed by your extraordinary achievements, and your significant contribution towards contemporary tertiary education, both domestically and globally.

This landmark offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the longstanding partnership between our universities. Since 2011, our two universities have held a Memorandum of Understanding which has included successful exchange partnerships and significant co-publication of research. It is a privilege for the University of Canterbury to partner with one of China's most prestigious and influential universities, and we are very proud of the long and productive relationship we hold together.

Since the inaugural address at the founding of the Canterbury Collegiate Union in 1872, the University of Canterbury has stood for accessible higher education, service to community, and the encouragement of talent without barriers of distance, wealth, class, gender or ethnicity. Knowing that Tsinghua University shares a similar strategic vision in social engagement, student-driven, accessible and inclusive education, instils great confidence in our work together. We both aspire to cultivate global citizens who will thrive in today's world and become tomorrow's leaders and to make a difference in the world.

Once again, let me offer my warmest appreciation for Tsinghua University's outstanding work in providing world class higher education. I look forward to continuous and greater collaborations between our two universities.

Ngā mihi,



Professor Cheryl de la Rey
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