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Professor Fan Liming
President
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RE: 120th Anniversary of Shandong University

Dear Professor Fan,


I am delighted to congratulate Shandong University on the 120th anniversary of its founding. This is a remarkable achievement and one of which you and your colleagues at Shandong University should rightly be very proud.

We at Tel Aviv University are honored to be partnering with Shandong University through the joint center which has been established to promote research on issues relating to Israeli society and culture. As I'm sure you would be aware, the Jewish and Chinese people have a long history of interaction and cooperation stretching back to the Kaifeng Jewish community and continuing up until modern times. I believe there is great importance in continuing this tradition and making efforts to learn more about each other so as to promote mutual understanding and closer people-to-people ties.

Tel Aviv University sees the joint center as an important element of TAU's deepening partnership with Chinese universities. We are particularly happy to cooperate with a prestigious university like Shandong University, one of China's best, with its long tradition of excellent research and teaching. The institute builds on the unique strengths which each university has in order to bring a fresh perspective to the study of Israeli culture and society in China. We hope that it will open the door to more exchanges between faculty and students from the two universities, joint scientific research, international conferences, translations of classics, and cultural activities.

I would like to congratulate you again on this wonderful occasion and I look forward to continuing the close cooperation between our two universities.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Ariel Porat