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### President FAN Liming

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Dear President Fan,

### 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shandong University – Congratulations

Thank you for your kind invitation for the University of the Witwatersrand to take part in the SDU Global Partners' Week to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shandong University (SDU). We look forward to seeing the programme and engaging further around our possible participation.

I wish to extend my warmest congratulations as you commemorate this wonderful milestone. Our two universities share a mission of excellence in teaching and research, and faculty from across Wits and SDU have worked together in endeavours such as the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization. We also continue to pursue connections in fields including palaeontology, green energy, and medical science. Our belief that global partnership in research and teaching is critically important in an increasingly challenging world, remains steadfast.

This occasion also gives me the opportunity to share with you that in 2022, our university, the University of the Witwatersrand, is turning 100 and we are delighted to invite you to participate in the Wits Centenary. We will share more details as the programming firms up over the coming months. As we look forward to continued cooperation between our two universities, we congratulate you, once again, on 120 years of successfully advancing the academic project for China and the world.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z Vilakazi'.

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