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Dear Professor FAN, Liming

Congratulation to the 120th Anniversary Celebration of Shandong University

Greetings from Dundee, Scotland! I am Professor Iain Gillespie, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dundee. I am honoured to send my best wishes to you all on the 120th anniversary of Shandong University.

The University of Dundee has a history going back nearly 150 years. We are a truly global institution with thousands of staff and students drawn from all over the world. We believe our people are the key to our sustained success with several of our staff and students having gone on to be world leaders in their chosen fields – including 2 Nobel Prize winners. We are the birthplace of many technical and medical solutions. Dundee pioneered minimally invasive surgery techniques and our engineers launched the Liquid Crystal Display, which is the basis of the flat screen technology found today in all electronic devices. We also created the drug Propranolol, widely used to tackle heart disease and we currently have new anti-malarial drug candidates in clinical trials. Dundee also has a longstanding tradition of international collaboration, with a dedicated team of specialists supporting our international partnerships. Shandong University is one of our most esteemed partners. As one of the Double First class universities in China, Shandong University is one of the comprehensive universities with the biggest coverage of all the disciplines, a leader in both education and research and supports and encourages outstanding talent that make significant contributions to the development of science and technology innovation. The collaboration between the University of Dundee and Shandong University goes back to 2013 and focussed initially on Science, Engineering and Law subjects. Since then, there have been nearly 22 students from Shandong University visiting or studying in Dundee at all UG/TPG/RPG programmes, as well as many staff visiting. The collaboration has grown and deepened over the years to involve our Schools of Science and Engineering and Social Science. We hope our relationship will go from strength to strength and that we can continue to work together to widen our collaboration.



I was delighted to receive an invitation to offer my sincere congratulations on Shandong University's 120th anniversary. On behalf of all my colleagues and students at the University of Dundee, I wish Shandong University every continued success for the next 120 years. I enjoy visiting China and I very much look forward to visiting you in person in the post-pandemic era.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Gillespie', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Professor Iain Gillespie
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