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Our heartfelt congratulations to Shandong University on its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Representing Hiroshima Jogakuin University, I send you my very best wishes.

These 120 years spanning the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries have been filled with dramatic events worldwide. Shandong University has striven to educate and pursue research for all those years to the present. I extend my deepest respect for your endeavors.

We are honored to receive your invitation for the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. At the present time, although it may be relatively easy to travel out of Japan, we are still obligated by our government's policy to isolate for a full two weeks upon re-entry. Under ordinary circumstances, I would gladly attend your anniversary celebration in person to express my congratulatory message and participate in the events being planned in October; it is regrettable that current circumstances prevent me from traveling and my message must be sent in this form.

This does not mean that the relationship between our institutions will lessen in any way! We have a long history of welcoming each other's students. Shandong University is an important school for our international exchange programs. Once the pandemic is under full control, we should like to immediately make it possible to have students from Shandong come to study in Hiroshima as well as for our students to fulfill plans to study there with you.

The transfer of credits has become prevalent in this global era in which we now find ourselves among the world's universities and student mobility has been greatly enhanced. Undoubtedly this trend will surely develop further. We look forward to learning and growing with you to improve and to innovate our programs for overseas study.

May all your celebratory events in October be carried out smoothly and successfully.

With my appreciation, respect, and very best wishes,



Dr. Takayasu MITANI, President  
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