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Dear Professor Fan,

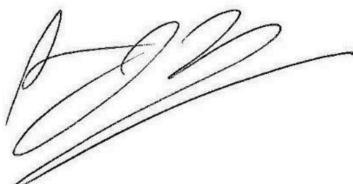
I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to Shandong University on its 120th anniversary on behalf of the University of Cambridge.

An anniversary like this provides a great opportunity for reflection on the road already travelled and to look into the future. Ever since its establishment 120 years ago in the home province of Confucius, Shandong University has continuously practiced its motto of “Noble in Spirit, Boundless in Knowledge”. Throughout history, its alumni and faculty members have been leaders in science, engineering, business, culture and politics in China, and have made significant contributions to the development and progress of the society. I would like to express my full respect to Shandong University on this accomplishment.

The Coronavirus pandemic has posed great challenges to universities in research, education, and partnerships. I was delighted to see the joint efforts of our two institutions to respond to the pandemic. The generous donation of Personal Protective Equipment to Addenbrooke’s Hospital by Shandong University was heart-warming and deeply appreciated. The productive collaboration between our two institutions is a testament to the fact that meaningful collaborations can be developed amid changes and challenges and that global universities, by working together, play an important role to service our societies and to tackle global challenges. I appreciate your continuous support to our collaboration.

I do hope that this congratulatory letter can convey my warmest wishes to you and colleagues at Shandong University, and that it continues to thrive and increase its global impact.

Yours sincerely,



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