



April 15, 2020

Dear Rector Igor A. Maksimtsev,

As an old Chinese saying goes, "A pine tree proves its character in cold winter, and a friend in need is a friend indeed". Thanks to the joint efforts of all the Chinese people and the strong support from the international community, the COVID-19 outbreak has been put under control in China. The situations are remarkably looking up, our life and production going back to normal. The kindness and solidarity you've given to us when we were most suffering from the pandemic are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered and cherished.

The Chinese often say, "Distance cannot separate true friends who remain close even when thousands of miles apart." A virus respects no borders and knows no races. COVID-19 is a threat faced by all humanity. The pandemic is plaguing the entire world, posing enormous threat to people's life and bringing formidable challenges to higher education. Only when we stand side by side and look out for one another can we end this global catastrophe and safeguard the community with a shared future for mankind.

The faculty, staff and students at Renmin University of China are deeply concerned with the development of the COVID-19 outbreak in your country. We truly hope that the pandemic will come to an end soon. Please know that our thoughts are with you, your colleagues and students. Renmin University of China will remain a countable partner and a close friend during this challenging time. We also look forward to joining hands with you in promoting research on critical global issues such as public health and making contribution to people's wellbeing of all countries and regions.

Wish you, your colleagues, and your students all the well. May our cause of higher education, collaboration, and friendship continue to thrive!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the Chinese characters '靳諾' (Jin Nuo).

Prof. Jin Nuo
Chairperson of the University Council
Renmin University of China

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the Chinese characters '劉偉' (Liu Wei).

Prof. Liu Wei
President
Renmin University of China