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Dear Rector Waer,

Tsinghua University will celebrate its centennial on April 24, 2011. As President of the University, I am now pleased and privileged to invite you to the cardinal event of this commemoration.

It was in 1911 that Tsinghua Xuetang was solemnly inaugurated. Since then, Tsinghua has been dedicated to academic excellence, the well-being of Chinese society, and to global development, all of which have led to remarkable achievements of various kinds and benefitted both China and humanity in general.

The centennial is a significant event in the history of Tsinghua University. We value highly this opportunity to invite you to become actively involved in both sharing our legacy and preparing for our future.

Among all the events we have planned, there will be an International University President Summit on Saturday, April 23, 2011. The topic of the summit is currently set as Global Development and Higher Education. I would see it as a chance for us to exchange views and explore further collaboration. Your participation would no doubt contribute to the success of the summit.

Tsinghua University will cover all the local expenses for you, your spouse, and one staff member, including hotel rooms, ground transportation and meals for the days of April 22-24.

It will be greatly appreciated if you could confirm your participation by replying to international@tsinghua.edu.cn by May 31, 2010.

We sincerely hope that you can join us in this memorable event. In the meantime, please accept my warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

GU Binglin President

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