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Dear GSUP and APRU APM Participants,

On behalf of President GU Binglin, I would like to thank you for your active participation in the GSUP meeting and Centenary Celebration of Tsinghua University. As the dates for the Summit and 15<sup>th</sup> APRU APM, and the Celebration Ceremony are drawing nearer, we are making new progress for the preparation work.

I would like to request your kind attention to the enclosed items:

- I. GSUP Consensus,
- II. Introduction to the Centennial Garden, and
- III. Information on the Breakout Discussions

Item I kindly requires your comments as to whether it is acceptable, and Items II and III are for your reference as to what the Centennial Garden is about, and how the Breakout Discussions are organized.

As participants to GSUP, a top forum for university presidents and representatives, we believe it is our common responsibility to identify some key functions for future universities, to serve as reference to the future development of our institutions of higher learning, not only for those joining the GSUP, but also for those who do not have the opportunity to join us. Therefore, entrusted by President GU Binglin, Tsinghua University, I would like to ask for your comments and suggestions for the GSUP Consensus, which will be read out at the conclusion of the meeting.

If you have any comments, suggestions, and revisions to the GSUP Consensus, please kindly respond to [international@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:international@tsinghua.edu.cn). We would very much appreciate your early reply by April 10.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures

## **GSUP Consensus**

We, presidents of universities from around the world and participants to the Global Summit of University Presidents, in view of the globalization trend in higher education and the growing importance of universities in response to various global challenges, have conducted extensive discussions on socioeconomic development and higher education.

As an outcome of this summit, we recognize the following four Cs as key functions of universities in the future:

1. Cooperation with other universities to contribute to the advancement of human civilization;
2. Cultivation of future leaders to enhance the prosperity and progress of the international society;
3. Contribution to the solution of global issues like energy, environment, and climate change; and
4. Creation of a synergy among the higher education community to promote cultural interaction for a better tomorrow.

We hereby pledge our commitment to advance our institutions of higher education accordingly.

## **Introduction to Centennial Garden**

On the occasion of the centennial anniversary of Tsinghua University and the Global Summit of University Presidents, it is our pleasure to invite honored university presidents from all over the world to plant trees for establishing the Centennial Garden.

The Centennial Garden is designed as a new landscape, marking collaboration and friendship between Tsinghua and our global partner universities. The tree you plant here will be named after your university. You will place an elegantly designed name plate on the tree yourself. The trees are expected to grow in the Centennial Garden into the new era in the anticipation of the prosperity and bright future of all our universities.

As an ancient Chinese maxim goes, "it takes a decade for trees to flourish, but a century for talents to thrive." It is our sincere hope that, with strengthened cooperation, our universities will keep nourishing generations of talents, and constantly improving human society, just like the green trees you plant in the Centennial Garden.

A tree today, a forest tomorrow!

# **Global Summit of University Presidents 2011**

## **APRU's 15th Annual Presidents Meeting**

### **Breakout Discussions**

14:00-16:00, Saturday, April 23, 2011

TUS Park, Beijing

#### **1. Topics**

- 1) University Governance (two groups)
- 2) Interdisciplinary Research Development
- 3) Social Responsibilities of Leading Universities
- 4) Trends in International Collaboration (two groups)
- 5) Strategic Planning for Universities

\*The topic on sustainable campus was canceled due to lack of response.

#### **2. Participants**

There will be about 20 university presidents and representatives, and 20-25 accompanying delegates in each group. **Participants are grouped according to their first choice of the topic in the registration form.**

#### **3. Seating arrangement**

Presidents and representatives will be seated around a U-shape table with the accompanying delegates behind them.

#### **4. Presentation**

Presidents and representatives will have the chance to speak (5 minutes maximum), based on their own wish.

#### **5. Facilities**

Projector and laptop are available at the breakout discussion. If PPT is used, please send the PPT file to [international@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:international@tsinghua.edu.cn) by April 20.

#### **6. Language**

The working language at the breakout discussion is English.

#### **7. Co-chairs**

In each group, there will be two co-chairs to moderate the discussion and one of them will make a 5-minute report of the main points at the summary session following the discussion.