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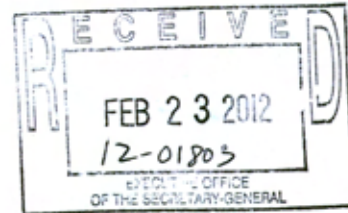
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January 18, 2012

Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General, the United Nations

Your Excellency Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,

Greetings from Peking University!

Ref #
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First of all, on behalf of the Peking University community, we would like to extend our most sincere congratulations to Your Excellency for your being re-elected as Secretary-General of the United Nations for another tenure of five years, and also congratulate on the inauguration of your second term from the very beginning of this month. Here we also wish to express our highest respect to Your Excellency for your great efforts and contributions to the world harmony and peace over the past five years as head of the largest and most important international organization.

Peking University is deeply honored to have the chance to actively engage in cooperation with the United Nations in many programs, including the Model UN, the UN Academic Impact Project, the UN Alliance of Civilizations, and especially Beijing Forum.

As Your Excellency might have learned about, Beijing Forum is an international academic forum co-sponsored by Peking University, Beijing Municipal Commission of Education and Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies. Since 2004, the Forum has been held annually for eight consecutive years, and so far more than 3000 scholars and experts around the world have attended this grand event. With the general theme of "The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All" as its overarching goal, the Forum has been committed to promoting inter-cultural dialogues through pooling worldwide top intelligent minds and gathering leading academic achievements to contribute to the harmony, peace and common prosperity of the world.

Since its inception, Beijing Forum has enjoyed close attention and tremendous support from Your Excellency and the United Nations, which is our greatest blessing and exceptional privilege. We are so greatly honored to receive your congratulatory messages in the years of 2007 and 2010, and your video messages in 2009 and 2011. The Forum was also greatly graced by the attendance of Under-Secretary-Generals Joseph Verner Reed and Sha Zukang. Since last year, UNDP has joined the endeavor of Beijing Forum as its supporting institute.

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Peking University is more than optimistic and enthusiastic about deeper cooperation with the United Nations in more programs in China, and we earnestly hope for your continuous support in this regard. Taking this opportunity, please allow us, on behalf of the Peking University and the Organizing Committee of Beijing Forum, to invite Your Excellency to attend the ninth annual conference of Beijing Forum, i.e. Beijing Forum 2012 and to deliver a keynote speech at the opening ceremony. The specific date of the Forum will be accommodated to the schedule of your planned visit to China later this year.

We would consider it a most distinct honor if Your Excellency would accept our invitation to attend Beijing Forum 2012, and it is believed that your attendance would serve as the greatest highlight of the Forum.

As the Chinese Lunar New Year is approaching, on behalf the Peking University community, we wish you greatest happiness and health in the coming year!

Yours Sincerely,

Zhu Shanlu
Chairman
Peking University Council

Zhou Qifeng
President
Peking University