



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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25 January 2010

Dear Mr. Levin,

I would like to thank you for hosting the Global Colloquium of University Presidents earlier this month. It was both a pleasure and an honor to address such a distinguished gathering.


The Colloquium was a wonderful initiative. Science and technology play a key role in meeting today's global challenges, from feeding the hungry to reducing the risks of man-made and environmental disasters.

The Colloquium was also especially timely. The devastating earthquake in Haiti underscored the importance of technologies in responding to humanitarian emergencies and in improving disaster risk reduction.

I regret I could not stay for the entire Colloquium, but, as you well understood, this was a particularly tragic moment in the life of the United Nations and for some of the world's poorest people. In this regard, let me express my sincere gratitude for the financial contribution you have made to the relief effort. Your support is a welcome expression of solidarity with Haiti at the country's highest time of need.

I look forward to receiving the final report of the Colloquium. Thank you again for your hospitality and for making the Colloquium possible.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

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Note to the Chef de Cabinet

Thank you letter to Yale President Richard Levin

Enclosed you will find for the Secretary-General's signature a thank you letter addressed to Prof. Richard Levin, President of Yale University, for hosting the Global Colloquium of University Presidents which the Secretary-General addressed on 14 January 2010.



Robert Orr
25 January 2010