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To:

**Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz**

**Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge**

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Jan 10, 2011

Dear Professor Borysiewicz,

First of all, please accept my sincere congratulations on your appointment as the vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge, one of the most prestigious universities in the world. May I take this opportunity also to thank your predecessor, Professor Alison Richard, for her contribution to develop relationship with universities in China, including Peking University.

Under the auspices of the INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC INTERCHANGE SCHEME (ISIS) (the UK-Sino programme funded by the BBSRC), a delegation led by Dr. Qi Cheng (from CAAS) will be visiting the UK early in this year, with the purpose of fostering close research alliances with researchers at the John Innes (JI) Centre and the University of Cambridge. I hope the visit of this delegation will greatly enhance exchanges of scientific knowledge and materials, and will pave the way for future scientific collaborations between China and the UK. Hopefully, this delegation will have the chance to meet you in person.

Having consulted with key persons both in JIC and Cambridge, an initiative aiming to form a "CAAS/CAS-Cambridge University-JI Centre" (CCJC) is in progress, I believe that it will develop fast with the input of both the UK and Chinese governments. Therefore, it will be a good time to work together, towards establishing a solid platform for future scientific exchange and development on various important scientific issues. You are very welcome to visit China at your convenience in the coming years.





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On behalf of Peking University, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and my colleagues from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), I would be very grateful to see the development of a closer collaborative relationship between scientists in Cambridge/Norwich and scientists in China in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xu Zhihong'.

Professor Zhihong Xu

Former President of Peking University