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Professor Andrei Ivanovich Rudskoi
Rector
St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University

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Dear Rector Rudskoi,

I have been closely following the global developments of the COVID-19 and concerned by its worldwide disruption. On behalf of Tsinghua University, I send our heartfelt support to you and your community. We will work with you in all possible ways to fight against the pandemic - from minimizing impact on our collaborative activities, to greater levels of information sharing and exploring the possibility of further dialogue on global health and online education.

Tsinghua University, like many other universities around the world, is facing unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19. As of February 17th, Tsinghua commenced teaching for all courses via Rain Classroom, Tsinghua's independently-designed online learning platform. Meanwhile, Tsinghua administration and faculty members are continuing to implement comprehensive response measures. Research outcomes are making promising gains in the race to develop a vaccine, and a trial robot that is mitigating frontline medical workers' exposure to the virus has been developed.

Aristotle once said: "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light". I believe that it is the responsibility of universities to shed light on the importance of unity and trust, courage and resilience, wisdom and love at this critical moment. I believe that universities around the world have a common commitment to building education resilience in the face of global health emergencies, which underscores the significance of collaborative partnerships like ours. We are fully committed to our partnership and willing to provide support to you and your community in every way possible during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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President
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