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Dear Sir Alan Langlands,

It is with great pleasure to formally extend my gratitude to you and your team for the warm hospitality received during our visit on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. Our visit programme was thoughtfully planned and professionally executed on that day.

I sincerely enjoyed meeting with you and truly appreciate the time you spent briefing me and my team the University's excellence in both student education and research. Through your introduction and the lab tours we had afterwards, we learnt how the university join forces of your leading scholars from various scientific fields such as Big Data, Advanced Material Science, Climate Change, Energy, Robotics and Biomedicine to conduct interdisciplinary and impact-oriented research. We really admire the university's dedication to making a difference to the world we live.

I also like to thank you for your leadership and encouragement for the University of Leeds to work proactively and collaboratively with Chinese universities and research institutes. Under your guidance and direction all your Chinese students and staffs are able to benefit hugely from and at the same time contribute greatly to the academic and multicultural life on campus. And Leeds University's research collaboration, Business Confucius Institute as well as the SWJTU-Leeds Joint School are going from strength to strength.

As mentioned at our meetings, I would be delighted if you could let me know if there is anything I could do to support the university to achieve its ambitious global plans in the future. In fact I am very interested in the concept of CDT and look forward to receiving more information on these CDT centres on your campus so that I could see how Chinese Industries could get involved.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your wife to my residence for dinner, perhaps after I return from my business trip in mid-November. I shall instruct my Department of Education to liaise with Ms Julia Wang to agree on a date that is convenient to you. Until then I wish you and your family an enjoyable autumn season and I look forward to meeting you again soon!

Yours sincerely,

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