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Mr Wang Yongli
Minister Counsellor for Education Affairs
Education Section, Chinese Embassy
50 Portland Place
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Dear Mr Wang,

Many thanks for your kind invitation to the Chinese New Year Reception and Gala to be held at Central Hall Westminster on 23 January. I write to convey my sincerest apologies; I have a business engagement in the US on that date and will therefore be unable to attend the event.

The educational and cultural exchanges taking place between universities in China and the UK are of great value to our institutions; at the University of St Andrews, we take pride in our global outlook and international student population. I hope that you enjoy what I'm sure will be an excellent and festive celebration, and I send you my warmest wishes for the year (and decade!) ahead. I look forward further to developing our educational cooperation in future.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Sally Mapstone, FRSE
Principal and Vice-Chancellor