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Dear School of Sociology and Political Sciences Colleagues,

On behalf of the Institute for Demographic Research at the City University of New York (CUNY), I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the School of Sociology and Political Sciences (SSPS) at Shanghai University on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since its foundation, the School has overcome many challenges. It reestablished the first sociology program in China after sociology as a discipline was dismantled in the early 1950s and now has developed as a top program in the Chinese academy. Congratulations on this important achievement!

We are very proud to partner with the School of Sociology and Political Sciences for exchanges and scientific cooperation. In particular, CIDR has many collaborations with Asian Demographic Research Institute (ADRI). It is wonderful to see that ADRI has made great achievements in demographic research over the past few years and now serves as the headquarters of Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development, thus playing a very important pan-Asia regional role for demographic research. It has organized and hosted very successful scientific forum and workshops, which strengthened our academic exchanges. We look forward to building closer ties with ADRI in the coming decade. I hope we can also explore more opportunities of cooperation with strong support from the School and also Shanghai University.

Again, my colleagues and I would like to send our warmest congratulations to you and our sincere wishes for your ongoing success in the next 40 years.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah L. Balk", written in a cursive style.

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