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Professor Chunli Bai President Chinese Academy of Sciences 52 Sanlihe Road Xicheng District BEIJING CHINA

Dear Professor Bai,

60th anniversary of CAS membership

On behalf of the Australian Academy of Science, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Chinese Academy of Sciences when it celebrates the 60th anniversary of CAS membership in 2015.

As was mentioned on the occasion of your visit to the Academy in December of last year, our Academy has had a mutual and fruitful scientific relationship with CAS since the early 1960s, greatly attributed to a visit to China by Australian astronomer Professor Chris Christiansen FAA. A formal Memorandum of Understanding was signed between our Academies in 1980 and since this time the Australian Academy of Science has enjoyed researcher exchanges and a series of annual scientific symposia with CAS. The tenth anniversary of this series was celebrated in 2013. The Academy, and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, looks forward to hosting a delegation from CAS in 2015, at the 11th Australia-China Symposium.

I wish to congratulate the academicians of CAS on the spectacular progress that they have made over the past 60 years and in the high expectations of their achievements in the future.

Yours sincerely

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