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**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Dear President MA

On behalf of The University of the West Indies (The UWI), Cave Hill Campus, it gives me great pleasure to extend heartiest congratulations to the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in celebration of seventy years of its founding on May 16, 2022.

The Cave Hill Campus is especially pleased to be associated with the CUPL, a university which is recognized for its specialization in law; for being ranked first in soft sciences in China, in 2020 and 2021; and for being renowned for providing exceptional service in several other disciplines. Similarly, The UWI has consistently been the premier university in the Caribbean; having been ranked, in 2021, among the world's top 1.5% and in the top 20 universities in Latin America, in addition to being counted among the world's Golden Age Top 100, with Impact rankings of 2.5%. Both of our universities, therefore, have distinguished themselves in their respective spheres. It was therefore most fortunate that our universities were paired in the creation of the Confucius Institute (CI) here at the Cave Hill Campus in 2014. During the past seven years, our CI has moved from strength to strength with the full support of the leadership, faculty and staff of the two universities. Today, we can reflect on the several outstanding achievements of our CI including:

- becoming the first CI in the Eastern Caribbean certified to offer the internationally accepted tests for Chinese proficiency, the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) and associated tests;
- **the CI of the Year Award in 2017;**
- successfully hosting the first regional conference of CIs in the Caribbean;
- teaching Chinese online at the national level in cooperation with the Barbados National Library Service;
- teaching Chinese language and culture at schools and also on campus, in particular, the preparation of students to commence software engineering studies in Suzhou, China;
- the preparation of students to pursue Government of China Scholarships and a range of courses and initiatives aimed at creating better understanding of Chinese culture such as the course Introduction to Chinese Culture and special sessions on other aspects of Chinese culture.

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It is also important to note that our CI has been instrumental in facilitating cooperation between the respective faculties, departments and experts at the CUPL, and beyond. The Moot Court, the Belt and Road Symposium, the Jilin Troupe “Stepping into Peking Opera”, Chinese Traditional Medicine - Presentation and Demonstration, are among the events and activities that have given audiences in Barbados a deeper understanding of China. The delivery of a course on Introduction to Chinese Law and Institutions by a lecturer from CUPL, during Semester II, 2020-2021, was a resounding success. We look forward to its continuation in addition to the commencement of the counterpart course taught by a lecturer of the Cave Hill Campus, Faculty of Law, to students at the CUPL during the summer session next year. A number of new initiatives are also being planned for the coming academic year.

We are aware that the CUPL has embarked on a Five Year Plan towards: higher academic discipline; an even more talented cadre of faculty; providing high-quality scientific research; increasing international cooperation and exchange; providing diverse social services to its community; and more effective and sensitive administration. Likewise, The UWI, with the Cave Hill Campus as an integral part, is rolling out Phase Two of its 2017 Strategic Plan entitled the *Triple A Strategy* with pillars of *Access, Alignment, and Agility*. Phase One of the Plan, 2017-2022, called for a “Reputation Revolution” and this strategy has delivered great success in developing the university’s brand and reputation. Phase Two of the Plan, 2022-2027, will focus on the “Revenue Revolution”.

As our two institutions plan for the future, I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of The UWI, Cave Hill Campus, to express our appreciation to our friends and partners at the CUPL for the continued support and collaboration. We wish the CUPL many more years of success as our universities pursue the path dedicated to change and transformation towards better serving the needs of our respective communities. May we have many more years ahead together as we work to increase mutual understanding between Barbados and the People’s Republic of China.

I look forward to raising a toast with you to both universities when we next meet.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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