

Bill Flanagan President and Vice-Chancellor University of Alberta

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Dear President Flanagan,

To begin with, I would like to send my warmest congratulations in advance to you on your having been named the 14th president and vice-chancellor of the University of Alberta, effective July 1, 2020.

A comprehensive research university driven by sustainable global strategy, East China Normal University always attaches great importance to attaining and sustaining international partners with whom we share similar vision and mission for the international community of higher education for the future, the future generations in particular. The University of Alberta is undoubtedly one of the most important partners ECNU highlights, not only for the enduring partnership but also for the long-standing friendship.

Years of good connection and cooperation have witnessed the ever-deepening attachment between our faculty and students, the ever-growing collaborative programmes of mutual interest for their benefits, our Joint Institute of Advanced Science and Technology in particular, and most importantly, the ever-advancing development of our two universities. And I am convinced that, under your leadership of being both strategic and entrepreneurial as well as committed to diversity and inclusion, our cooperation will continue to be radiant in the context of Sino-Canadian higher education and to bring much more benefits not only to our faculty and students, but also to the community and society.

Strategic and sound cooperation foresees prosperous future for the shared global community. I look forward to working with you and your team for that shared future prospect.

Yours sincerely,

Professor QIAN Xuhong President East China Normal University

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