



東南大學
SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY

地址: 中国南京四牌楼二号 邮编: 210096
No.2 Sipailou Nanjing 210096 P.R.China
Tel: 86 25 8379 2412, 8379 3092 Fax: 86 25 8361 5736
http://www.seu.edu.cn E-mail: oic@seu.edu.cn

March 15, 2019

Dr. Richard C. Benson
President
Eugene McDemott Distinguished University Chair of Leadership

Dear Dr. Recharad C. Benson:

I have received your letter dated February 28 regarding UTD's intention to terminate the 2012 *Agreement between the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Southeast University (SEU) for the Development of Confucius Institute at the University of Texas at Dallas (CI at UTD)*, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you and all your colleagues engaged in the endeavors to promote the development of the CI at UTD and the scholarly collaborations and exchanges between UTD and SEU in spite of the present discouraging situation.

If the termination of the 2012 agreement, or in other words, the closing of the CI at UTD for political reason, is inevitable, I am hereby sincerely hoping that UTD could proceed with the issue based on the consensus we have reached accordingly:

- addressing the closing event through a full consultation with the Confucius Institute Headquarters;
- toning down the closing event to the utmost of your power;
- minding the concerns of the CI staff and instructors from China by compensating the loss arising from the closing event including the penalties for breach of leasing contract and the unfunded tuition prepaid for their kids;
- providing possible assistance with the CI staff and instructors when the time comes for them to come back to China.

It is understood that we do not want to see the closing event would impact the current mutual collaborations and faculty and students exchanges between UTD and SEU, and SEU would therefore consider about discussing future collaborative programs with UTD and working on a new agreement after the closing of the CI at UTD is properly settled.

Looking forward to meeting you at SEU!

Sincerely,
Wang Baoping
Executive Vice President
Southeast University