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Dear President Eighmy,

I am sorry to learn that your university considers not to renew the contract of Confucius Institute at UTSA with Hanban after its expiration this year.

As a symbol of China's unremitting efforts for world peace and international cooperation, the Confucius Institute serves as one of an important form of people-to-people exchanges between China and the United States. Over the past decade, under the good cooperation and joint efforts of both universities, the Confucius Institute at UTSA has been actively carrying out Chinese language teaching and cultural exchange activities. It has played an important role in promoting exchanges and mutual learning between Chinese and American civilizations, facilitating the spread of cultural knowledge, and enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples. Over the years, CI at UTSA has also achieved gratifying results. **Since its establishment, CI offered several kinds of Chinese courses at elementary and intermediate level.** Regular students added up to over 3500. More than 50 times of various cultural activities were held in total. People benefited from CI amounted to more than 500000. CI has effectively promoted local American students, faculty and community groups to have a deeper understanding of Chinese culture, and made it possible for nearly a hundred interested school administrators, teachers and students to have the opportunity to go to China and experience Chinese culture in person. **As far as I know, several of them will come back to China this summer and choose to study and work in universities and enterprises in China. One of them has applied for the master's degree of our school and will come to our school for further study in September.**

On behalf of myself and UIBE, I would like to express our sincere thanks to you and all the teachers and staff who have been working hard for the cause of CI. **I sincerely hope that in the future our two universities can further deepen our cooperation and promote exchanges in areas such as co-establishment of disciplines, cultural exchanges and mutual visits between teachers and students. Meanwhile, I sincerely invite you and UTSA's excellent professors to teach in our summer school.**

The seventh round of high-level economic and trade talks between China and the United States has just concluded. Chinese and U.S. negotiators further implemented the important consensus reached by the presidents of the two countries during their December meeting in Argentina, and the two sides have achieved substantial progress on many issues. The results of the talks will be announced on 26th and a historic moment is just around the corner. In this context, I am confident that people-to-people exchanges between China and the United States will definitely continue and become increasingly close.

UIBE has a distinctive feature of international development. It plays a leading role in international trade, business, law, foreign language and other majors in China and even abroad. Our school also participated in the China-US high-level economic and trade talks as the think tank. As far as I am concerned, the Chinese and American people are all in the community of shared future. As the development of world civilization converges, we will definitely join hands and create a better environment of cross-cultural communication for young students.

Therefore, I hope to have another communication and make more efforts on the issues of the construction of CI by the two universities. I will visit the United States in the middle of April. If possible, I am very willing to meet with you in your university to ensure the continued cooperation between the two universities on the platform of cultural exchange between China and the United States.

Best wishes!

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