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Thank You for a Memorable Experience at HCTS

Dear Dr. Ren,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your esteemed colleagues for the exceptional hospitality and remarkable experience we had during our recent visit to Hunan Normal University. Writing both on my behalf and on behalf of my colleagues, PD Dr. Patricia Gwozdz and Dr. Christian Thomas, we are truly grateful for the considerable efforts invested by you and your team in organizing the international conference “Rethinking the World”. The conference was an inspiring success and a worthy celebration of the second anniversary of “Alexander von Humboldt Day” at your institution.

The caliber and depth of the academic contributions were matched only by the precision and professionalism with which the conference was conducted. From the meticulous organization to the comprehensive care extended to us as guests, every detail was a testament to the dedication and excellence that you and your colleagues bring to your work at the Humboldt Center for Transdisciplinary Studies. We found the experience not only enriching in terms of scholarly exchange but also profoundly impactful in a way that will continue to influence the direction of our research.

Beyond the academic excellence, the cultural exposure you provided allowed us to experience the vast and rich heritage of Hunan, from the fascinating exhibition at the Hunan Museum on the Mawangdui Han Dynasty Tombs to our tour of the esteemed Yuelu Academy and a peaceful hike to Lushan Temple on Yuelu Mountain. Each of these highlights deepened our admiration and curiosity for Chinese history, life, and culture, further enriched by the wonderful meals we shared. Experiencing Hunan cuisine in such an authentic and personal way was truly unforgettable, adding yet another layer to the many memorable moments from our visit.

We are immensely grateful for the generous support of your team, particularly Ms. Luo Fang, Ms. Long Qiyu, Dr. Wen Yiwen, Dr. Xia Kaiwei, and Dr. Yi Jia, who ensured each day at Hunan Normal University was filled with the resources, guidance, and warmth that allowed us to fully immerse ourselves in the academic and cultural opportunities presented to us. Their dedication and attention made our visit seamless and unforgettable.

Please extend our deepest thanks to each of them, and let them know that we look forward to the opportunity to host you and your team in Berlin in the near future. Once again, we thank you sincerely for all that you and your colleagues have done to make this exchange so meaningful for us.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized first name followed by the surname 'Kraft'.

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