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Dear President Arstan Gazaliyev,

I would like to let you know that I have retired from the position of the Director General of Hanban and Chief Executive of the Confucius Institute Headquarters since October 28. According to the principle of Chinese Government, the retiring age of my level is 60 and I have over served the position for two years. However, I will still serve as the Counsellor of the State Council, as well as the Member of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee.

I have been working for 12 years as the Director General of Hanban. According to the Chinese Zodiac, I have finished a whole cycle, which is the longest term ever. During the past 12 years, I have had the great supports from presidents of universities around the world, especially from you. Without your cooperation, the Confucius Institute would never have developed successfully. Hereby I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to you.

I hope that you will continue to support the Confucius Institute and have a good relationship with Hanban.

Best wishes,

Xu Lin

Counsellor of the State Council of China
Member of CPPCC National Committee