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Dear Professor Fan;

I understand that the *Center for Statistical Research* is being established in the Academy of Mathematics and System Sciences at the Chinese Academy of Science. This is exciting news, not only for science in China but also for the broader world community. We, in the statistical research community, will be especially pleased to be able to better connect to the extensive research talent in China, through the Center.

As Director of SAMSI, I also very much hope that our Institute and your Center will be able to establish collaborations to advance statistical research worldwide.

Congratulations on the new Center – I'm sure it will flourish!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Berger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Berger
Director