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Dear Professor Chen,

I am delighted to send a note of congratulation on the occasion of the establishment of the Center for Statistical Research at the Academy of Mathematics and System Sciences in the Chinese Academy of Science. I understand that this will be the first center for statistical research in China. As became especially evident throughout the last century, the impact of advances in statistical research and training is felt throughout the sciences (physical, life, and social), medicine, engineering, industry and agriculture. Hence the payoff from investment in basic research and education in statistical science is likely to be great. In Professors Jianqing Fan of Princeton University, Jun Liu of Harvard University and Qiwei Yao of the London School of Economics, the Center's leadership will benefit from the experience and talent of three internationally renowned statisticians.

Best wishes to the Center of Statistical Research on its opening day!

Sincerely yours,

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