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Dear Professor Fan:

I write on behalf of the Department of Statistics, Stanford University, to congratulate you and your colleagues, especially Associate Directors Qiwei Yao and Jun Liu, on the establishment of the Center for Statistical Research in the Academy of System Sciences, Chinese Academy of Science. Under this distinguished leadership, the institute will play an important role in establishing China as a world leader in research in the statistical sciences. We look forward to communication and interaction with you and your colleagues at the Center for Statistical Research.

Sincerely,

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