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Dear Prof. Fan,

On behalf of the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Hong Kong, I would like to offer our cheerful congratulations to the opening of the Center for Statistical Research!

This is the first and utmost important step in pushing forward statistical research in China. As the discipline of statistics has become a generic science that finds application in any field of research in the world wherever data are involved, I wish the Center can attract the government's attention to realise its strategic importance in the country's overall development and to be the patron in its mission of fostering statistical research and education in China.

The Department has contributed a lot to the promotion of academic exchange on individual basis, with several visitors per month from mainland China. Now the Department looks forward to cooperation and collaboration with the Center on corporate basis if both sides see fit.

With best wishes,

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