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Letter of Congratulation

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Dear Prof. Li Youmei and Prof. Zhang Wenhong,

It was with great pleasure that we learned the Department of Sociology in Shanghai University will commemorate its 40th anniversary, together with the School of Sociology and Political Science's 10th anniversary, in October, 2020.

We are all aware that the Department of Sociology in Shanghai University is the first sociology department established in China since 1978. As the central sociological institution in China and East Asia, the department has guided our research effort and scholarly endeavors in the last 40 years. This is undoubtedly shown by the fact the Department of Sociology and the School of Sociology and Political Science have hosted numerous domestic academic meetings and international conferences. The East Asian Sociological Association (EASA) established in 2017 also owes much to Shanghai University, as it has provided with the venue for the EASA business meetings and academic gatherings. Many scholars from EASA have been invited to Shanghai University.

We strongly believe that such a huge accomplishment is the result of tenacious effort and passion of scholars and researchers in the Department of Sociology and the School of Sociology and Political Science in Shanghai University.

We truly hope that, as among the best academic institution in China and East Asia, the Department of Sociology and the School of Sociology and Political Science in Shanghai University continues to play an important role in the future unfolding of our sociological effort.

Sincerely yours,

Shujiro Yazawa, Co-President of EASA, professor emeritus, Hitotsubashi
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