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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Prof. ZHANG Gaiping, President of Henan Agricultural University (HAU), I would like to express our sincere sympathy to you and all students, faculty and staff of the University of Perugia (UNIPG), for the large-scale outbreak of COVID-19.

After the epidemic broke out in China, decisive and strict anti-epidemic measures were promptly and extensively taken on our campus, in Henan province and nationwide. So far, none of HAU students, faculty and staff members has been infected, we've been delivering online teaching to our students and are actively preparing for re-opening of our campus. With great efforts made by our government and our people, epidemic prevention and containment has demonstrated positive trends in China. At this time, we are deeply saddened to learn about the rapid spread of COVID-19 in Italy, which has caused serious damage and heavy loss of lives. With common experiences of these sufferings, we shall not forget the precious support and encouragement from Italian people during our difficult time, and would like to extend our profound condolences to all Italian victims and their families as well as our lofty respect to all Italian medical workers fighting tirelessly and dauntlessly to save lives.



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Facing this unprecedented, still expanding epidemic, people all around the world have become a community with a shared future. Chinese people have full confidence and capability to overcome the disease soon in China, we shall go on playing our active role in the world's anti-epidemic struggle. Academic teams from HAU and several other universities in Henan are now working hard on the research and development of COVID-19 vaccine and rapid test kits, and have made encouraging progress. We shall always stand together with UNIPG and Italian people, and are ready to provide any assistance and support to the best of our capabilities.

We wish a sound health to you, to all students, staff and faculty of the University of Perugia and to all Italian people, and a speedy recovery to all Italian citizens that are infected. After winning this battle against the epidemic together, we look forward to resuming and expanding personnel mobility between us, look forward to welcoming you and more Italian friends in Zhengzhou, China, and look forward to strengthening and extending the cooperation and exchange between our Universities, and carrying forward the friendship between our people together with you.

Yours sincerely,

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