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Funding for the Future of Humanities at NTU

A Letter from Dean Mu-Hsuan Huang

I am the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. It is my honor to speak to you, our valued alumni and friends, who have shared our interest in the development of humanities and have supported us along these years. Our college has been housed in the national heritage building ever since the inception of NTU and has always been regarded as one crucial landmark of the campus. This well-preserved building has served as a significant base for the teaching and research of humanities for more than nine decades. Thanks to your continued support and encouragement, we are able to keep the tradition of liberal arts alive in this fast-changing and globalized world. However, we have suffered from the chronic shortage of space, which affects teaching, research, community building and long-term development. Not only have department and faculty offices been scattered to various parts of the campus, students also enjoy very little space to work with each other outside their classroom schedule. This dire situation has gradually restrained our diverse development and cramped our contribution to the society at large.

After unflinching endeavor for almost 13 years, now we are proud to tell you that the foundation for the new Humanities Building was laid on 7 January 2019, and the construction work has been in steady progress as scheduled.

The new Humanities Building is being built on the north side of Royal Palm Boulevard and near Xinsheng South Road Gate. The finished building will comprise 4 to 6 aboveground floors and 2 underground ones. It stands at the old site of the Department of Anthropology and Department of Philosophy. These two departments have been relocated to a temporary building on the other side of the campus since the initial phase of preparing for the new building in 2010. If you pay a visit to our campus, you may easily find the site surrounded by a belt of white fence,

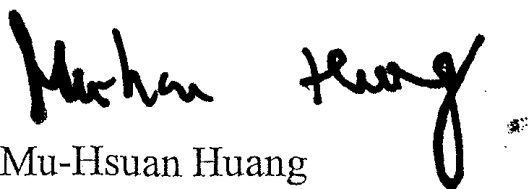
like an incubator of our future prosperity.

We express our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Johnny Shih, Chairman of ASUS, for the first large donation of TWD 540 million to our building project. The total construction cost is estimated around TWD 1.2 billion. With further subsidy from NTU, we still need to raise around TWD 400 million in order to complete the project and allow our students and faculty members a much-improved base for college education and research.

Your donation will help us to create and maintain a proper space for students and faculty to explore, to brainstorm, to excel, in order to make change for a better future, and to lead with vision and conscience for our country and the world. No doubt, your legacy will be kept alive in the life and career of the following generations of students and scholars.

Therefore, we cordially invite you to participate in the cause of the new Humanities Building. No matter the size of your donation, your generosity shall make a vital difference toward our goals, which aim to enrich students' experience, consolidate intellectual community, deepen research, and inspire innovation. Your contribution helps us to cherish your memories at NTU and safeguard your investment in higher education. We sincerely thank you for sharing our belief in the core value of humanities and facilitating our endeavor in cultivating the leaders of our next generation, who, with their solid training in humanities, shall continue to work toward the amelioration of our society and all mankind.

With our sincerest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mu-Hsuan Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mu-Hsuan" and the last name "Huang" clearly distinguishable.

Mu-Hsuan Huang
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