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Subject : The letter from Xi Jingping

Hi

I just received a phone call from the Chinese consulate, and they have decided to visit Muscatine again next week. The exact timing is yet to be determined, but they will bring a letter from Xi Jinping. During our trip in January of this year, we students collectively wrote a letter to President Xi, and he has responded to us. Below is an approximate content of the letter.

They are hoping that both of you can send a reply letter to President Xi expressing our gratitude. Since they won't be coming today, could you please send me a scanned copy of the completed letter so that I can forward it to the Chinese consulate? Thank you very much.

I am delighted to receive this letter from the students of Muscatine and I am very grateful. The Chinese characters are beautiful, and your drawings are excellent. I am also pleased to know that you have visited many cities and seen many things, and I'm glad you had such good experiences. As the Chinese saying goes, "Seeing once is better than hearing a hundred times!"

I have also heard that you have made many Chinese friends, such as those from Renmin University High School and Fudan University Affiliated Secondary School. It warms my heart to hear that Muscatine has also invited Chinese students for a return visit. Friendship is truly moving!

After my visit to Iowa in 1985, I have had a very deep impression and good friendship with Iowa.

I am glad that the younger generation of teachers and students from Muscatine can come to China in person to have a better understanding of China. Welcome back to China! I welcome all American students to come to China and build friendship with Chineses students.

This year is the Lantern Festival in China. Wishing you all a happy holiday!

Xi Jinping

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