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Dear Students and Colleagues:

As many of you know, for the past 33 years, Heidelberg University has partnered with Tianjin Normal University in a number of ways to enrich the learning environment and opportunities for our students and to provide exciting professional development opportunities for our faculty. That partnership includes sending a Heidelberg team of 4 faculty/staff members along with 4 Heidelberg students to serve as a Teaching Team each summer.

For this annual visit to Tianjin, travel plans are typically made in February or March in order to ensure all documentation and all flights are made as needed. However, in light of the increasing spread of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) around the world, and in particular in China, and after careful review of the advice and directives coming from the CDC, the Ohio Department of Health, and the federal government, we have regrettably decided to cancel the trip planned for the Summer 2020 to Tianjin. Following future review of the situation, we do expect to resume our Teaching Team's visit in Summer 2021.

We know this news will be disappointing to a number of you; however, we place our students' and faculty members' well-being as a top priority.

Sincerely,

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