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Dear Friends in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Washington, DC:

I welcome you to the University of Delaware for the NorthEast Chinese Basketball Tournament.

UD's China Club of Delaware is hosting this tournament to commemorate the devastating earthquake that struck Sichuan Province, China, in May 2008, and to raise funds for the still struggling region. Sichuan Province is particularly important to the University of Delaware, given our partnership with the Southwest University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu. I visited Chengdu before and after the 2008 earthquake, and I say sincerely that there is no worthier cause for your fundraising efforts.

I hope this unique basketball tournament serves to unite groups and build close and enduring friendships throughout the region. I wish all the teams gathered at the University of Delaware the very best of luck in the tournament.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick T. Harker".

Patrick T. Harker  
President