



Dear President Wilson, Chairman Tocco and University of Massachusetts community:

Greetings and best wishes to all alumni and friends of the University of Massachusetts on the occasion of your seventh annual evening at the Boston Pops.

As the president of China's Tsinghua University Lanfang Campus, I am extremely enthusiastic about the partnership initiated last year between our two institutions. Much of the credit for our collective progress to date must go to the University of Massachusetts' leadership, and in particular to President Wilson, whose own avid interest in China, travels throughout our country, and recognition of the importance of international collaboration have spurred this important cross-cultural partnership.

Tonight, you recognize the achievements of your first-ever Nobel Prize winner, Craig C. Mello, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School whose groundbreaking RNAi discovery (with Dr. Andrew Z. Fire of Stanford University) holds so much promise for the treatment and cure of a number of the world's most intractable diseases. I am delighted to have named Dr. Mello as my Science Advisor at Tsinghua University. His work in this position, and as President Wilson's Presidential Science Advisor, will undoubtedly benefit our two universities greatly and draw us ever more closely together.

Dr. Mello's research contributions and those of others at your University - such as the work done by your physicians in South Africa to fight the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mothers to their infants, as well as the significant numbers of University of Massachusetts students who study abroad each year - and the hundreds of international students who come to your campuses annually - demonstrate that the University of Massachusetts has become a true "Global University."

President Wilson, Board of Trustees Chairman Stephen P. Tocco and the entire University of Massachusetts community deserve sincere congratulations for their great vision in addressing the challenges and opportunities of our global community, a community that becomes more interconnected each day.

Congratulations to Dr. Mello and I wish everyone a most enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

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