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Dear Professor Liu,

As the world is getting back on track in 2023, we are organizing the 4th International Cetacean Symposium on 24-28 July 2023, which will be held physically in City University of Hong Kong. The reunion of cetacean experts worldwide after 3 years of separation would be an amazing opportunity to assemble professionals from diverse disciplines, to exchange current knowledge and technological innovations, and to foster international networking and collaboration. The symposium follows the previous iterations in 2019, 2021 and 2022 that covered topics on the threats cetaceans faced and their interaction with humans. Scientists, academics, veterinarians, conservationists, related government officials and public audience will be cordially invited for talks and workshops.

With your extensive knowledge in cetacean sighting, stranding response and conservation policy in South China Sea, it gives us great pleasure to invite you as our honorary keynote speaker. Also, we very welcome participation of your team members (Dr. Lin Jianqing, Yang Liangliang, Zhang Zonghang, Mo Jiezhang, Bi Ran and Liang Bo) in our symposium to share their studies in the "Lightning Talks" session. We are extremely honored and believe that this event will be fruitful with you and your team's participation.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration in advance. And please do not hesitate to contact me for any queries at briankot@cityu.edu.hk.

Yours sincerely,

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