Dear Admissions Committee,

I am a Ph.D. candidate in Media Informatics at LMU Munich, and I am pleased to recommend Xiaoqin to your institution to pursue her Ph.D. Since we were alumni for at least ten years, it would be my great pleasure to witness her future academic growth.

Xiaoqin is a highly motivated, studious, and wise person. During college, we took a lot of science-related classes together. Through communication, she demonstrated her interest in general science topics. For instance, in mathematics and physics classes, she was always able to propose creative ideas to professors and classmates while problem-solving. In the fundamentals of programming class, she was always pragmatic in finding the best optimization. Therefore, with years of continuous practice, her final academic performance was extreme in the end, and she achieved a GPA of 3.66/4.0, which is in the top 5 of our majors (5/156).

Xiaoqin developed solid professional skills at the university, including proactively participating in ACM programming and MCM mathematical modeling competitions. She has an excellent engineering background and is committed to applying her knowledge to real-world problems. Before graduation, she discussed her deep desire for continuous learning with me. She wished to collaborate heavily with salient researchers and contribute to her fields with fulfillment, which left a deep impression on me. Eventually, she was accepted by the computer science department of the Beijing University of Technology as a master's student.

In our follow-up contact, she explores and exploits the area of neural language processing (NLP) continuously. We had many discussions regarding human-computer interaction as one of the application domains of NLP, and her academic vision is to make the machine understand nature, which shapes one of the basis in the field of human-computer interaction. Since she accumulated many publications in the NLP and computer vision fields during her master's study and subsequent industrial work, combined with my past observation regarding her enthusiasm, it comes to me that she would develop more academic experiences and achievements in the future. Therefore, I strongly recommend her Ph.D. application and would appreciate your thorough consideration regarding her application.

If there are any queries regarding research, academics, or other areas about the candidature of Xiaoqin, feel free to reach me. Thank you very much for considering her application, and I wish you a great Christmas and a productive new year.

Yours Sincerely,

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