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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to recommend Andrea Cortoni to be admitted to one of your Master Degree Programs. Though many students ask me to make this request on their behalf, I only recommend students whom I feel are well-suited for the program of their choice. Andrea Cortoni is one of those students. I highly recommend without hesitation he be given the opportunity to attend your university.

I first met Andrea during my course of Software Engineering given at Tongji University, Shanghai, China. At the time he was a one year exchange program student from Italy.

This course itself presented the basic notions of software engineering and the major disciplines it is made up of. Particular attention was devoted to the formation of software requirements through the use of UML models for the structural aspects and of extended nets for the active ones.

The aim was to fulfil student with the major notions and activities associated with software engineering. The skills to be acquired included the ability to formalise the requirements of a software system by means of structural and behavioural models and the ability to solve simple problems related to the various disciplines of the software process.

The different purposes of the course had to be examined by myself and my TA through the evaluation of a written exam as well as a semester long project developed by the students themselves divided into small groups.

Throughout the all course Andrea Cortoni has proven to me his outstanding aptitude to approach any kind of scenario as well his great capability of solving problems. In addition to that he has also shown his great programming skills applying them into the work related to his group semester project. In fact regarding the project chosen from his group, he and his group colleagues decided to produce a platform, based on both a website and smartphone application, able to connect people, in an innovative way, to culture, or namely to the experience of museums visits. As a matter of fact they created a website with the purpose of management of the system itself and, shortly after a mobile app able to introduce technologies such as NFC and augmented reality in the interaction process of different people with museums.

Behind all the practical work Andrea and his team mates had successfully designed all the structural and behavioural aspects of such a system. He really



has brought to my attention his impeccable teamwork and leadership skills as well as his aptitude to expand his knowledge avoiding to focus only on his major field of electronics.

Overall at the end of the course, after the final presentation of his project and a written exam, evaluating the knowledge gained from the course, Andrea has positioned himself in the top 5% of his class proving once more his multi disciplinary skills.

Andrea really impressed me with his knowledge, skill and dedication to his work. I'm sure you will find him to be a highly motivated, competent, and committed student who will grow into a successful professional. In closing, I highly recommend Andrea Cortoni for admission to a Master Degree at your University. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Xiaoliang Gong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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