Dear Frank Smith,

It’s been 2 years since the last time we met each other at Tsinghua due to COVID-19. I still remember the machine learning course when we first met. How are you recently? I heard you have received the admission of Stanford University. Congratulations!

Chinese New Year has just passed, I wish you a Happy New Year! In Chinese, I wish you 恭喜发财，虎年吉祥! This year is also a special year. Beijing hosted the Winter Olympics at the same time as the Chinese New Year. Did you see it on Twitter or TikTok? Everyone is talking about it, but I know more than any of them because I was lucky to be a live audience at Bird’s Nest.

I watched the whole opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics and it was beyond shocking. The first thing I noticed was the volunteers. Did you know that? They are all college students, especially 782 of them are our classmates from Tsinghua. I couldn’t be more proud of them when I saw them dancing and posing in exaggerated poses to welcome everyone. The entire opening ceremony was still directed by Yimou Zhang, same as the Beijing 2008 Olympics. But the difference is that this time the opening ceremony was shorter and more refined. The light show was very impressive, which made technology seem to have come to live, and the beauty of ice and snow was vividly presented. Compared with 2021 Tokyo Olympics, this is the **next level play**. What's more interesting is that when the teams from all over the world entered the stadium, I didn't even notice the snowflakes held up by each volunteer lady. It wasn’t until the moment when the torch was lit that I discovered that the small snowflakes of each country formed a big whole, and I suddenly understood what is *Together for a Shared Future*.

Along with the Winter Olympics comes China's COVID-19 prevention feat. I know that many people abroad were slandering China's COVID-19 prevention and control. But the Winter Olympics shut them up completely. Everyone didn’t expected that China has almost achieved no more new local COVID-19 cases, not to mention that China’s social and economic order has been completely restored. Even under the pressure of the Winter Olympics, imported COVID-19 cases from abroad have been strictly controlled. Several days ago, there appeared a COVID-19 case at a milk tea shop in Shanghai, and the government immediately quarantined it. But can you believe it? Only this milk tea shop was quarantined, and even the supermarket next door could still operate normally. What is precise prevention and control? This is.

Speaking of which, I can't wait to see you again. When will you come to China next time? Or when are you free? I can go to Stanford to meet you. Hope when I see you again, we both have published nice papers.

Best wishes,

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