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Dear Rector Khurtsilava,

It is a great pleasure to offer our hearty congratulations on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the North-Western State Medical University. This first milestone is very symbolical, and it gives an excellent opportunity to reflect upon centenarian history of two inseparable parts, the former Medical Academy for Postgraduate Education and I.I.Mechinkov Medical Academy, which merged 5 years ago to give rise to a new University. Now the North-Western State Medical University is a unique fusion of experience and youth providing the highest level of education to the students, postgraduates and established doctors, and promoting scientific research. As you mark 5 years of success, you have every reason to be proud of the University's past and excited about its future.

I really apologize that our busy schedule did not allow us to come again to Saint-Petersburg this time to be with you sharing the delight of this special day. We will be looking forward for the opportunities for visiting your University in the wonderful city of Saint-Petersburg, and to see the guests from your University in Nagasaki. It is to our intentions to advance sistership relationships between our Universities as a mean of progress and development.

May I wish you a bright and inspiring convention, and please accept our compliments on the 5th anniversary again. Many happy returns of the day!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Katamine".

Shigeru Katamine, MD, PhD

President

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