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Dr. Di Liu
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Dear Deputy President and Professor Dr. Di Liu,

It is my great pleasure to invite you, Dr. Hong Ma, Dr. Xinmiao He and Dr. Wentao Wang for an official visit to Washington State University for three days in September, 2016 (**see an enclosed tentative itinerary in details**). During your stay in Pullman, Washington State, you will meet with University-, College- and/or Department-level administrators, faculty members from different departments and campus-wide core laboratory directors to discuss research collaboration and scholar/student exchange programs between Washington State University and Heilongjiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences. It is our understanding that your international travel, local transportation and accommodation as well as all living expenses will be covered by your Institute.

Washington State University is a tier I land-grant research institution located in the rolling hills of the Palouse region in eastern Washington. Our department is known nationally and internationally for its programs in molecular and quantitative genetics, ruminant and non-ruminant nutrition, and the physiology of reproduction. Here at Washington State University, I have developed and maintained a well-recognized research program in comparative genome biology. My research involves state of the art genomics and transcriptomics approaches in combination with bioinformatics and cell biology. During our meeting in September, we will further discuss exchange programs in bioinformatics tools, pipelines and resources as our foci.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your colleagues soon.

Sincerely,



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**Itinerary for Dr. Di Liu, Deputy President and Professor and the delegate from Heilongjiang
Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China**

Day 1: Flights from Beijing to Pullman via Seattle and Airport pick up

Day 2: Meeting with University Vice President, College Deans in Research and/or Department Chairs.
Tour animal facilities at Washington State University
Presentation of a seminar to graduates/undergraduate students
Tour core laboratories
Meeting with faculties at different departments

Day 3: Departure to Minnesota