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Dear Ms Viktoriya Tsoy,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the 50th anniversary of the AV Zhirmunsky National Scientific Center of Marine Biology (NSCMB). As an old friend of IMB/NSCMB, I am very pleased to witness the development of the institute, both on the marine science and technology innovation and on the comprehensive ocean research capabilities.

The Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IOCAS) and IMB/NSCMB have a long history of cooperation. A series of cooperative activities have been held in the past two decades, including the bilateral symposiums, the collaboration projects, the joint publications and the exchange of scientists. Among these activities, I was involved in 7 bilateral symposiums, and I am one of the main participants of the project led by Director Song SUN and Director Andrey Adrianov. The book 《Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics of the Northwest Pacific Ocean》 co-authored by Director Sun Song, Director Andrey Adrianov, Dr. Konstantin Lutaenko and I won the "Awards on Excellent Marine Science and Technology Books 2015" in China. A new project led by myself and Dr. Konstantin Lutaenko was just approved in 2020. Based on these collaborations, I have the opportunity to meet some outstanding scientists from IMB/NSCMB. I'm very impressed with these friends and they left me many warm memories.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of NSCMB, I'd like to deliver my best regards to the institute. I wish you a happy anniversary and a more successful future.

Sincerely,

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