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Dear Prof. Nori,

Although I left your research group about two years ago, I still feel that I am a member of your group and of the great RIKEN family. Indeed, my wife is also a RIKEN researcher, so RIKEN is like a family to me. I still pay close attention to all publications from your group, and when I see new results I always feel very proud of the exciting science being conducted there. The quiet and beautiful RIKEN campus is always in my mind—the scenery and green areas there are quite pretty.

RIKEN is a great place to do scientific work and it attracts many high-level scientists. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to grow professionally there. The quality of my research work grew enormously after spending several years in your group. Your input and feedback on our projects was very helpful to me and to all members of the group. I still remember the many long hours you were working, including nights, weekends and holidays...all the time. Several discussion sessions lasted many hours. Even our seminars often lasted several hours, with very many questions.

I am now creating my own group in Tsinghua University, one of the best universities in China. I have to start my own group here, and the experience I gained by seeing how you started your group at RIKEN, from scratch, helps considerably in guiding me on how to start my group here.

I was very fortunate to have worked with you in the past and hope that we can continue our collaboration and make more contributions to science.

Best wishes,

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