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Subject  
Tribute to Prof. MA Jin

**Dear family, friends, colleagues and (former) students of Prof. MA Jin,**

I was saddened to hear of Prof. MA Jin's sudden passing a few days ago, and I am writing to offer my sincere condolences to all who were close to her, both personally and professionally.

Prof. Ma Jin was a great scientist and academician. Our community in earthquake science has lost a brilliant and shining lady who did so much to promote progress in our field in China and worldwide. She played a crucial role, not only through her own contributions to research but through her attention and care for raising the generations following her. She was a wise, open-minded, fair and kind person who offered chances to all with ability and ambition. She played a key role in making the Institute of Geology at CEA the leading organization it is today.

Prof. MA Jin was delightful to interact with and I will miss her during my visits to CEA. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Let us remember her for the rich legacy that she has left us and the exemplary role that she played as a scientist and person.

Yours sincerely,

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