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Mr. Fredrick Yeh
Director
Sea Turtles 911

Dear Fredrick:

What a pleasure it was for my wife, Mel, and I to meet with you in Sanya! Learning more about your efforts to protect the sea turtle population in the South China Sea is truly remarkable. It goes without saying that carrying Harvard and Yale back into the sea was the highlight of my trip to Hainan. It is my hope that our event will bring more awareness to an issue that is of the utmost importance.

I admire you for the high level of commitment, passion, and energy that you bring to the issue of marine conservation, and to the work of improving the lives and habitats of these magnificent creatures. You and your team are absolutely correct when you say that the South China Sea belongs to the turtles. In fact, I plan to repeat your point in my future meetings.

Finally, let me again congratulate you on being chosen for a U.S.-China EcoPartnership. I believe these partnerships are an important achievement for the U.S. and China, allowing us to work cooperatively to preserve the environment. After my trip to Sanya, I am now convinced that Sea Turtles 911 is the organization to receive such a prestigious designation.

If there's anything I can do in the future to highlight Sea Turtles 911's efforts, please don't hesitate to ask. Keep up the great work and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Max Baucus

How are Harvard & Yale?