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Dear President Shirley Strum Kenny ;

It is my great pleasure to write to you. I am Song, Suk Ku who visited you when I was President of Dongguk University of Korea in 1990's. After a career as a President of Dongguk University and a President of Kukje Daily News, I came to Gachon University of Medicine and Science (GUMS) as its second President in July, 2008.

Let me introduce briefly what GUMS is. GUMS is relatively small university funded by Gachon Gil Foundation but very active university that has the potential power to grow fast in the near future. GUMS, after merging Gachon Gil College with Graduate school of Gachon Medicine, was launched in 2006 because the founder had an ambitious dream to develop the university. The founder is Dr. Lee Gil Ya who is well known as the founder of a public service foundation in Korea and presently serves as Chairperson of the Foundation and the President of Kyungwon University which is one of the leading universities in Korea and that has contracted MOU with Stony Brook University.

GUMS consists of the undergraduate schools having 19 academic fields and the graduate school of medicine in addition to other fields. Even though it started in 2006, some of the departments, such as medicine and nursing programs, have had a long history of more than 60 years, because Gachon Gil college originated from nursing school established in the period of the Korean war.

As soon as I came to Gachon University, I found that the faculty members of the university were eager to find a way to explore and develop an international cooperating

system. I realized that it is my role to create a bridge between GUMS and Stony Brook University to explore academic cooperation. Thus, I directed to try to find a way of cooperation with your university.

Finally, it was reported by the International Cooperation Center of my university that MOU between Stony Brook University and GUMS reached the final step for the exchange program of the medical students. I am sending MD. Yang who is a faculty member of graduate school of medicine, with my intention wishing to meet you in a near future for expanding exchange program of undergraduate between us. Please arrange your schedule to meet together.

I would appreciate it very much if you could reply with a favorable answer and I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Song, Suk Ku". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Dr. Song, Suk Ku
President of Gachon University
of Medicine and Science