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Re.: International Forum „Russia and the Orient. To the 200th Anniversary of the Russian Academic Oriental Studies“

Dear Dr. Popova,

looking back to the unique event of the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts' celebration of its 200th anniversary – the International Forum „Russia and the Orient. To the 200th Anniversary of the Russian Academic Oriental Studies“ – there are so many unforgettable moments that it is difficult to choose the most illustrious one. These were memorable days, so elegantly prepared and organized by your Institute. I would like to thank you most warmly for the hospitality extended to me as one of the international colleagues and admirers of the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, the treasure house for orientalists from the whole world. During these days, we were deeply impressed by the generosity and festiveness of this great sequence of special events. I would also like to stress that I greatly appreciated the Round Table discussions in the framework of the Anniversary Celebrations and the opportunity to exchange professional thoughts with the scholars of the Institute of Oriental Studies and colleagues who had come from all four corners of the world. I also enjoyed very much the exhibitions that had especially been prepared. These were wonderful and inspiring days in celebration of scholarship.

Meanwhile, I also had the opportunity to share your new book „Pearls from the Chinese Collections“ with sinology colleagues in Berlin. They were absolutely delighted with the book – as am I! Thank you so much also for this gift.



Again, congratulations on the 200th Anniversary of the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, Russian Academy of Sciences, and all the best for the future, to you and your colleagues and experts!

May I also present my warmest good wishes for the festive season and for a happy and successful New Year,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barbara Kellner-Heinkele".

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