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Dear Colleagues:

During the General Assembly (院務會議) last month, it was suggested that the President regularly update the campus on Academia Sinica-wide development so that correct information can be disseminated within the institution. Therefore, I would like to direct your attention to the following items.

Firstly, regarding the budget, it is already known that there will be an across-the-institution budget cut on the research fund. However, in order to support research, we still have the opportunity to submit applications to the Board of Science and Technology, Executive Yuan (行政院科技會報), for the “5+2 Innovative Industry” fund.

Secondly, regarding our southern campus, it will develop and focus on three general areas: agricultural biotechnology, sustainability science, and Taiwan literature and history. We will seek additional funding and collaborate with the Tainan City Government, Ministry of Science and Technology and other universities to make our southern campus a first-tier cross-disciplinary research institute.

Thirdly, the last session of “Tea Break with the President” has concluded this afternoon. The feedback collected from participants will be filed and organized. Thank you for your participation. Next, I plan to host a series of “Brainstorming with the President” from time to time. Although the discussions are expected to be research-oriented, other topics are also welcome. An email in this regard has been sent to the directors of all institutes and research centers. I hope a climate for research and cross-disciplinary collaboration will thrive via this type of discussions.

Additionally, to drive continuous improvement, please don't hesitate to let us know your comments and suggestions.

Finally, Happy Father's Day and Happy Chinese Valentine's Day to all of you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Liao'.

James C. Liao
President