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Dear Dr. Bin ZHOU,

It is my pleasure to invite you to visit my research group in the Department of Ocean Science at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology for the purpose of carrying out your research as a visiting scholar supported by the funding of the National Natural Science Foundation of China. You will perform research in the field of using lipid biomarkers to study past human migration and activities as a collaborator in our lab. I would like to have you join us starting in 05/15/2022 for a period of 90 days (05/15/2022 – 08/12/2022). We will provide you with the necessary office, lab space, lab equipment and access, and supplies for your research during your stay.

From our initial communications, I attest that you meet our English language requirements for the research work. You will mainly be conducting research of paleofire history reconstruction and its relationship with environment and human activities around Ningshao Plain. As a group member, you will work alongside researchers at my research group who are developing techniques to study past human migrations using novel geochemical methods.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ding HE', written in a cursive style.

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