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Dear Prof. Shen:

I am writing to invite you to visit the MIT Isotope Lab in the Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) during the period November 24, 2022 to January 31, 2023. The main purpose of this visit is to coordinate research efforts between my Lab and your group at the Nanjing University in the context of the project "Extreme climates and biological responses during the Paleozoic-Mesozoic transition" supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. More specifically, we will review the ongoing geologic age determination work at MIT aimed at constructing a high-resolution timeline for the Carboniferous to Triassic sedimentary successions in China, and to identify priorities for further investigation. We will also prepare manuscripts for publication on the work that is already complete on the terrestrial end-Permian mass extinction. Your visit will be an opportunity to meet and confer with other members of our Department with respect to future geologic collaboration opportunities, as well.

If you do not already have a valid B-1 visa in your passport, you must present this letter of invitation, proof of your employment at the Nanjing University, and all documentation required for a visa application to the United States Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain a B-1 Business Visa. During this visit, MIT will not provide any salary or compensation for you.

Upon arrival at the port of entry to the United States, you must present this letter to the Customs and Border Protection inspector along with your valid passport.

Please direct to me any questions regarding the logistics of this visit.

Sincerely yours

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