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Thomas L. Koch  
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Dear Tom and esteemed colleagues:

In the season preceding the International Year of Light, how fitting that we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the College of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona. On behalf of The Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester, I send our sincerest congratulations!

Thanks to Dr. Aden Meinel's brilliant vision, the Optical Sciences Center was founded at the University of Arizona in 1964 at a crucial moment in US history, providing a new avenue to further key advancements in optics. We have made critical and significant contributions to advance optics in many forms from the very beginning at each of our respective universities. Together, we have educated generations of leaders in the ever-growing field of Optics, and provided unparalleled advancements through research.

We are especially pleased that many Institute of Optics graduates have contributed to Arizona's extraordinary accomplishments throughout the years. Most notably, James C. Wyant has served Arizona for 40 of the 50 years, both as professor and for a significant period of leadership as Director and Dean. It has also been my great pleasure and honor to meet with you, with Jim, and with other current and former leaders of major Optics centers, to form an executive link to further increase bonds and facilitate joint efforts.

My genuine hope is that the College of Optical Sciences and The Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester will continue to strengthen our personal and professional connections, and continue our innovative contributions to the field of Optics and to the education of high-technology talents!

Meliora,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xi-Cheng Zhang'.

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