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Dear Professor Cui:

The TMT International Observatory, LLC is eagerly looking forward to meeting with you to further our discussions in the collaboration in astronomy research between the Nanjing Institute Astronomical Optics and Technology (NIAOT), National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the TMT International Observatory, LLC.

It is a pleasure to invite you to meet with the TMT staff in Pasadena for 2-3 days during the period from 3 June to 9 June, 2018, where we will begin to outline the future of our partnership. Since we have much to discuss, your visit should be of one week in duration.

TMT International Observatory is a partnership involving scientists from China, Canada, India, Japan, and the United State.”

Since you are one of the key representatives of NIAOT, it will be necessary for you to visit TMT regularly in the future; therefore, a longer period for your visa (two or three years) would be most beneficial.

We look forward to working with you and your team members to foster China’s collaboration in the construction and operation of TMT.

Best Regards,

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