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EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR
'THE SCIENCE BRIDGE' BY HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

as the President of Heidelberg University, I write this letter to express my support for 'The Science Bridge' and its mission to facilitate scientific collaboration between Western and Middle-Eastern/South-Asian nations.

I oversee a broad range of international cooperations and witness the astounding power these activities have in uniting people for a common cause. Strengthening research collaborations promotes acquisition of knowledge and new opportunities to benefit society. It can foster economic prosperity of all participating societies as scientific progress adds significantly to a country's competitiveness on the global stage and engages its citizens in building a meaningful and harmonious future.

The proposed international cooperations by 'The Science Bridge' do, hence, serve two important goals: Accelerating scientific discoveries and mediating between diverse cultures.

As Germany's oldest university and one of Europe's most research-intensive institutions, Heidelberg University has been at the forefront of both, scientific progress and international collaboration. We are aware of the responsibilities resulting from our motto "Semper Apertus" (Always Open), which emphasises open-mindedness and tolerance as essential pillars for progress. Intercultural understanding is an essential ingredient for a better future of mankind.

Heidelberg University is fully supportive of 'The Science Bridge'. I wish its mission every success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bernhard Eitel'.

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Bernhard Eitel
President, Heidelberg University