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Dear OCPA Members:

Greetings on the occasion of the Chinese New Year and the beginning of the nineteenth year of OCPA!

We are pleased to report that OCPA continues to grow as an organization serving the interest of Chinese physicists worldwide. This growth is a result of the hard work of many dedicated OCPA members. In particular, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Wu-Tsung Weng, the outgoing OCPA president, for his superb leadership during the past two years! We would also like to thank all our past Officers, Councilors and Coordinators who have done an excellent job in guiding OCPA in past years. As many of these positions are rotating in nature, I hope that we can call upon them to serve OCPA again in various capacities in the future.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the 2009-2010 OCPA Officers, Councilors, and Coordinators. We are fortunate to have many accomplished and dedicated physicists volunteering their service for OCPA.

We are pleased to report that both the OCPA Outstanding Young Researcher Award and the Achievement in Asia Award (Robert T. Poe Prize) have continued to attract candidates of excellent caliber. The remarkable rapid rise to professional eminence by winners of the OCPA OYRA and AAA awards also highlights the success of the OCPA programs. Thanks to a generous donation from Tu-Nan Chang, the Achievement in Asia Award for the next few years will be dedicated to the memory of Robert T. Poe. We are also very grateful to many OCPA members who have responded to call for donation to the OCPA general fund. These generous donations will help support other OCPA sponsored activities including Summer Schools, Workshops, and receptions at APS meetings.

Due to the great efforts of many of our colleagues, the sixth joint meeting of Chinese physicists worldwide (OCPA6), titled "International Conference on Physics Education and Frontier Physics", will be held on August 3-7, 2009, in Lanzhou, China, co-sponsored by both the Institute of Modern Physics and Lanzhou University. We would like to thank Prof. Guoqing Xiao of IMP and Prof. Fa-Hu Chen of Lanzhou University for their gracious support and providing the exciting venue for OCPA6. We would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support and participation and to mark your calendar for this event. The detail of the conference and other valuable information can be found from our web-page at "<http://www.ocpa.org>". We hope our members will make more use of our web-site for communications and provide news worthy items for the "We Hear That" section.

It is our hope that OCPA will be viewed as an organization for all of us and we welcome inputs and suggestions from all of you on issues which are of interest to all of us. With

your support, together, we shall make OCPA an even stronger organization for the years to come.

With our very best wishes to you for a happy Chinese New Year,

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