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Dear OCPA Members:

Greetings on the occasion of the Chinese New Year and the beginning of the twenty-first 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 Chien-Peng Yuan, the outgoing OCPA president, for his outstanding 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 2011-2012 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 and 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 and his family, the Achievement in Asia Award for the next few years will continue to 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) (<http://michael.tunl.duke.edu/ocpa6>), titled "International Conference on Physics Education and Frontier Physics", August 3-7, 2009, in Lanzhou, China, co-organized by the Institute of Modern Physics of CAS, Lanzhou University and OCPA, was a great success. We thank the local organizing committee (chaired by Prof. Bitao Hu and Prof. Hushan Xu) for its tireless effort in making this conference a great success. We also thank our sponsors for their generous support of this conference.

We now look forward to the OCPA7 Conference (<http://ocpa7.phys.nsysu.edu.tw>), which is co-organized jointly by OCPA, National Tsinghua University (NTHU) and National Sun Yat-Sen University (NSYSU). The OCPA7 conference will take place on the campus of NSYSU in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, August 1-5, 2011. We would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support and participation and to mark your calendar for this event. We also 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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