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To the Family, Colleagues, and Students of Professor Peng  
School of Psychology  
Beijing Normal University

Dear Friends,

I was deeply and profoundly saddened to learn of the passing of Professor Peng. Please accept my most heartfelt condolences to you, his family, and the entire community of scholars and students whose lives he touched.

My collaboration with Danling and other Chinese students and scholars in Beijing Normal University has had a tremendous impact on my career, for which I am very fortunate. His career has had a huge impact on Chinese linguistics, but also on so many people.

There are no words that can truly ease the pain of this great loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts at this difficult time. I will continue to honor his legacy through our common work in the science of language.

With deepest sympathy,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Booth".

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