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Dear Mr. Maotian:

I am writing to introduce you to International Student House of Washington, DC (ISH-DC) and to share with you the enclosed background information on our organization. ISH-DC provides an exceptional residential experience to a highly diverse international community of graduate students, professional interns and visiting scholars, and has welcomed over 12,000 international scholars from 140 countries since our founding in 1936. Over the years we have assisted hundreds of students from China in adjusting to life in the United States, and currently there are eleven scholars from China living at the House. Enclosed is a list of these residents and the institutions where they are studying.

Our resident scholars are high-caliber academics whose unique cross-cultural experience at ISH-DC helps prepare them for future leadership roles in the public and private sectors of their home countries. We strive to be a model international community and represent "soft diplomacy" at its best. Given that our mission is to assist students from around the world, ISH-DC has made it a priority to engage embassies to assist us in our efforts to provide our resident scholars with opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue with diplomats and perhaps participate in embassy events.

With that in mind, I am pleased to invite you and perhaps several of your colleagues from the embassy join our residents for our **Lunar New Year Celebration on Friday, February 5 at 7:30pm** at our historic residence near Dupont Circle. The evening is organized by our resident scholar from China, Yuqi Liao, who is studying public policy at Georgetown University. I am certain Yuqi and our other residents would be pleased if you would be able to join us for the festivities.

We would be delighted if you could join us for this special event. If you would like additional information, please have your office contact Katherine Russell at 202-232-4007, ext. 211, or by e-mail at [krussell@ishdc.org](mailto:krussell@ishdc.org).

Warm regards,

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*We hope you and your  
colleagues can join  
us.*