I am pleased to share the good news that Lingnan University has been approved to be a new Supporting Institution (Hong Kong and Macau) of the National Natural Science Foundation of China upon a vetting process by the Foundation on the research and management strengths of the University.

This significant achievement opens up a multitude of research and funding opportunities for our scholars, providing us with expanded avenues to pursue our endeavours. As a NSFC Supporting Institution, Lingnan is now eligible to apply for these project funds:

**NSFC Young Scientists Fund (青年科學基金項目)**
- Supports young scholars to conduct research within the scope of subjects by the fund, and carry out basic research independently
- Cultivates their ability to lead scientific research projects independently and perform innovative research
- Stimulates innovative thinking and fosters a new generation of successful young scholars

**NSFC Excellent Young Scientists Fund (優秀青年科學基金項目)**
- Supports young scholars with good achievements in basic research to conduct innovative research in their areas of interest and expertise
- Facilitates the rapid development of young talents to become outstanding academic talents at the forefront of world science and technology

**NSFC Distinguished Young Scientists Fund (國家傑出青年科學基金項目)**
- Supports young scholars who have made outstanding achievements in basic research to select their own research directions to conduct creative research
- Accelerates the growth of young talents of science, encourages overseas talents and fosters prominent academic pacemakers at the forefront of world science and technology
(Details and timelines will be provided through our Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer)

Gaining the status of a NSFC Supporting Institution also marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter that underlines our scientific research strengths and reaffirms our position as a leading research-intensive liberal arts university.

I would like to thank colleagues who have consistently demonstrated your commitment to advancing knowledge and making a positive impact in your respective fields that has enabled Lingnan to scale new heights.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

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