

Dear Professor Elena Vartanova and Ms. Elizaveta Dvortsova,

On behalf of the Tsinghua School of Journalism and Communication (TSJC), I would like to express our deepest condolences to the Department of Foreign Journalism and Literature of Moscow State University for the loss of Mr. Yassen N.Zassoursky, a highly respected scholar in the field of mass media, and a cherished old friend of all of us.

We appreciate Mr. Zassoursky's indelible contribution to our school over the past decades. He played a significant role in our international development and gave us tremendous support on the "Caravan Class" program, especially when he served as a member of TSJC's International Advisory Board.

It was truly an honor for us to work with Mr. Zassoursky. Our school has made much progress since he became our adviser, but we feel regret that he won't be able to see it for himself. We will build on the guidance he has given us, and continue to work towards a better future.

Mr. Zassoursky was an extraordinary icon, an academic innovator, a beloved mentor, an esteemed educator, an inspiration to thousands of former colleagues and students, and a friend to many people in China, Russia, and the Moscow State University community. He will be greatly missed, and always be remembered among acquaintances and friends.

At this difficult time, please know that we are holding you in our prayers and thoughts. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and please pass the same to his family.

Best Regards,

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