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Dear 2020 Graduating Seniors Majoring in Chinese or Japanese:

Jordan E. Alber, Yuekun Deng, Thomas Hall, Tianyi Han, Shan Jiang, Dana Jiao-Harrington, Conor Duff Murphy, Kaye Gallant Scheidler, Claire Tylke, Sophia Claire Webb, and Christine Williams,

On behalf of the faculty of Asian Languages and Literatures, I am pleased to send you our warmest congratulations on your successful completion of your undergraduate studies with a major in Chinese or Japanese in the year of 2020.

In the past four academic years, you have put your time and effort into the learning of the Chinese or Japanese language and culture. You have built a significant amount of Chinese or Japanese linguistic and cultural knowledge to achieve an adept acumen in Chinese or Japanese language and culture. We are elated and proud to have supported you in your studies. We are confident that you have prepared yourself better than ever to face new challenges in international and cross-cultural communications in a world that is increasingly globalized, and we are also certain that you are well-poised to enjoy and appreciate what joys Chinese or Japanese language and culture can bring to your life.

Although we cannot gather in person, we would like to celebrate the wonderful memories of your learning experiences at UVM that will go with you wherever you will be. As your professors who have guided you through this part of your linguistic and cultural journey, we will be delighted when you find that the Chinese or Japanese linguistic skills and cultural knowledge acquired at UVM are decisive factors to your success in your personal and professional pursuits for the betterment of the world.

Congratulations again on your graduation and the commencement of your new life!

John Jing-hua Yin
Professor and Chair