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Professor Igor Pleve
Rector
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Dear Professor Pleve:

On the auspicious occasion of the 80th anniversary of the founding of Saratov State Technical University, SSTU, I am pleased to join Professor Tomas Cermak, who is Chair of the Board of Directors of iNEER, and Past Rector of VSB – Technical University of Ostrava, Ostrava, Czech Republic, to extend to you, and the faculty and students of your esteemed University, our heartiest congratulations.

In this age of globalization, it is essential that students gain an international perspective and be able to work effectively across international boundaries. SSTU is an important member of the global family of academic institutions dedicated to promoting international cooperation.

The principal motivation for international cooperation is the opportunity it creates for increasing productivity, and the relevance and scope of educational curriculum. iNEER is a global, volunteer-based, networking, professional organization formed by the world engineering community to promote mutual progress in teaching and learning through collaborative partnerships. The continuously widening iNEER network of educators and researchers comprise over 37,000 members spread across 98 countries. We seek to help ensure that faculty and students possess the new knowledge base that is the foundation of new technologies. Since the economies of nations are increasingly interconnected, it is particularly important that graduates of our universities have the broad education with the latest information to enable them to be successful professionals.

In September 2004, SSTU and iNEER jointly convened a special meeting at SSTU called the International Engineering Education Partnership Workshop.

This workshop was the first of its kind held between Russian universities and universities from abroad. Thirteen Russian university rectors participated along with eight university chancellors, presidents and leaders of education from abroad. A joint agreement for cooperation, known as the Saratov Communiqué, was signed.

The international education community is looking forward to further interaction with SSTU and other Russian institutions to promote international cooperation in education.

Once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. Aung', written in a cursive style.

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