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To the Family, Colleagues, and Students of Professor Peng,
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Dear Friends,

I was deeply and profoundly saddened to learn of the passing of Professor Peng. Please accept my most heartfelt condolences to you, his family, and the entire community of scholars and students whose lives he touched.

Professor Peng was a true pioneer and the founding father of modern Chinese psycholinguistics. His vision, intellectual courage, and relentless dedication laid the foundation for the scientific study of language and cognition in China, opening new paths for generations of researchers in our field. I will always remember his curiosity, his kindness, and his unwavering commitment to advancing our shared understanding of the human mind. His legacy will continue to live on in the work of the many students and scholars he inspired.

There are no words that can truly ease the pain of this great loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts at this difficult time. I will continue to honor his legacy through our common work in the science of language.

With deepest sympathy,

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian MacWhinney".

Brian MacWhinney
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