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Letter of Invitation

I hereby invite a delegation from the Japan Institute and the Center for Japanese Studies from Nankai University, Tianjin, People's Republic of China, to Heidelberg University as follows:

Date: Monday, September 16, 2025

Invitees:

- Prof. Liu Yuebing – Director, Japan Institute, Nankai University
- Prof. Zhang Yulai – Deputy Director, Japan Institute
- Prof. Song Zhiyong – Director, Center for Japanese Studies
- Prof. Liu Xuan – Chair, Department of History and Culture, Japan Institute
- Dr. Ding Nuozhou – Lecturer, Japan Institute (coordinator of this visit)

Purpose of the visit:

To engage in academic exchange between the Japan Institute at Nankai University and Heidelberg University, focusing on topics related to Japan's modernization, including:

- the relationship between religion and the state in modernizing Japan
- prewar education reforms and their legacy in the postwar system
- the role of civil society, including social groups and intellectual movements, in shaping social policy

I look forward to welcoming the colleagues from Nankai University in Heidelberg in this summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'U' shape followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Hans Martin Krämer