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Dear Friends,

Please plan to join us here in Southern California on Saturday, May 29th as we inaugurate the **1st Annual Los Angeles International Wushu Tournament (LAIWT)**. The UCLA Confucius Institute is proud to be a presenting partner of this special event.

The mission of the UCLA Confucius Institute is to support opportunities for exploring Chinese language and culture, and to promote international exchange. Studying wushu, with its varied taiji, gongfu, and qigong traditions, is one of the best (and most healthy!) ways to learn about the ancient | modern culture that is today's China. We are proud to work with China's former all-around wushu champion, Master Hu Jianqiang of the Shaolin Wushu Center, to make this event happen. Since moving to the United States over fifteen years ago, Master Hu and his wife, wushu judge and coach, Master Zong Jianmei, have diligently promoted the study of Chinese culture by offering high-quality training and competition opportunities for students and by leading cultural exchange trips to China for students and their families. We are happy that Masters Hu and Zong have brought their talents to the West Coast.

The LAIWT will bring top wushu masters and certified competition judges from across China and North America together with athletes of all ages. The competition will take place in the beautiful beachside community of Santa Monica, located close to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). When not competing, wushu athletes, families and friends can visit the shops and restaurants along Santa Monica's famous Third Street Promenade, visit some of Los Angeles' many art and cultural institutions, explore our culturally diverse neighborhoods, or stroll along the Pacific Coast at sunset. Los Angeles is a 2-time Olympic host city and home to many world champion athletes. We are proud to be bringing another quality sports event to our city and hope that you will join us in celebrating its beginning. During your visit you will discover why Los Angeles is one of the world's most beautiful and vibrant international destinations.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Pertel Jain, Ph.D.".

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