

## **Ambassador Chen Xiaodong Expresses Sympathy to the University of Cape Town After a Fire**

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On April 21, Ambassador Chen Xiaodong met via video link with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town (UCT), Professor Phakeng.

Ambassador Chen first expressed his sympathy to the UCT over its significant losses due to the fire. He spoke highly of the timely and effective response of the University, as well as the work done by Professor Phakeng to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff, including Chinese students. Ambassador Chen said that in order to support the UCT in addressing the fallout of the fire and start rebuilding, the Embassy decided to provide a certain amount of donation to the school. The Ambassador hoped that Professor Phakeng would continue to promote cooperation between the two sides in education and other fields, and to firmly support China-South Africa friendship.

President Phakeng thanked Ambassador Chen for his sympathy and the generous donation from the Chinese Embassy, which fully reflects the deep friendship between the South African and Chinese peoples and is of great significance to the UCT. Professor Phakeng expressed her belief that with the help of the Chinese Embassy and friends from other sectors, the UCT will be able to overcome the difficulties and rebuild itself at an early date.