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Comments for Beijing Language and Culture University's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (video)  
June 16, 2012

My name is John M. Dunn and I am President of Western Michigan University, one of Beijing Language and Culture University's partners in the Confucius Institute program. We have partnered in that program since 2009, but our joint programs reach back to about 2001 with the study abroad program in Chinese language that BLCU hosts for Western students.

It is a great pleasure for me to offer congratulations to BLCU on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Such milestones mark the progress in any University's growth and development, and our more than 10 years of partnering with BLCU have been remarkably successful, especially our Confucius Institute program. At Western, we are very proud of our relationships with Beijing Language and Culture University, and we believe our partnerships will not only endure but grow over the next 50 years.

Congratulations of your Anniversary and your Success.