



**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

1st February, 2016

Dear Members,

I have been asked to write and thank you for your letter of 18th December addressed to The Queen in which you wished to tell Her Majesty about your student-run, non-profit organisation which seeks to spread awareness of Chinese language and culture to other students, both in Washington State and around the world.

While careful note has been taken of your comments regarding your wish to invite British students to join WACE members in learning Chinese, I must tell you that this is not a matter in which The Queen would personally intervene.

As a constitutional Sovereign, Her Majesty acts on the advice of her Ministers and I am, therefore, forwarding your letter to the Right Honourable Philip Hammond, MP, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, so that your approach to The Queen on this matter may be known.

Nevertheless, it was thoughtful of you to write as you did and to enclose a picture as a present for Her Majesty, and I would like to send you my good wishes at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jennie Vine  
Deputy Correspondence Coordinator

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