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### **Laurier to host calligraphy exhibit by renowned Chinese artist**

TORONTO – Wilfrid Laurier University will host a reception and calligraphy exhibition by renowned Chinese artist Hongliang Wang at the university's Toronto Office on Friday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.

Wang's unique calligraphic works incorporate traditional and modern scripts, and are valued by collectors around the world. His artwork has been presented as gifts to many dignitaries, including Zukang Sha, the under-secretary-general of the United Nations. Wang also holds high-profile positions at several organizations, including honorary dean of the Research Institute of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy at Zhengzhou University.

The reception will feature a lecture by Wang, followed by a calligraphy demonstration. Wang will also present original works of art to the university and to Laurier President Max Blouw.

"Mr. Wang's presentation represents a furthering of Laurier's engagement with China, as it represents our efforts to broaden our appreciation and understanding of Chinese culture," said Peter Donahue, director of Laurier International.

Laurier honorary degree recipient Francis Pang commissioned the artwork and organized the exhibition as a gift to the university for its 100th anniversary. A philanthropist and entrepreneur with a passion for education and Canada-China cultural relations, Pang has been instrumental in helping Laurier create ties in China, including establishing its China office.

"I hope visitors can appreciate the art pieces and get the message of the international vision of Laurier," said Pang. "This exhibition represents the best of the East meeting the West, resulting in both cultures working together to appreciate each other and grow together for a better future."

The exhibition is open to the public and admission is free. The exhibition will take place Friday, Dec. 2 and Monday, Dec. 5 to Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The reception is for invited guests only, however the media is invited to attend.