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Naggar, Kulu.

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5th December, 1935.

Dr. Y. L. Keng,  
National Research Institute of Biology,  
Academia Sinica.  
Nanking, China.

Dear Dr. Keng,

I was very glad to receive your kind letter of the 25th Sept. and shall be extremely interested to see your paper on the grasses from Inner Mongolia. Could you meanwhile send me a list of determined grasses from the herbarium collected in Inner Mongolia?

Under separate cover I am sending you an enlarged photo of yourself in front of the "New Obo", as requested.

We hope that Prof. de Roerich's painting has safely reached the Academia Sinica, and shall be interested to hear from you about its reception. The painting was sent insured from Peiping through the Pacific Storage Co, 4, rue Marco Polo, Peiping, and should have arrived long ago.

With all best wishes, and hoping to soon hear from you,

Yours very sincerely,

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27th December, 1935

Dr. Y. L. Keng,  
National Research Institute of Biology,  
Academia Sinica,  
Nanking, China.

Dear Dr. Keng,

Please send me by air-mail to the above address your itemized statement of expenses incurred during the return trip from Kuei-hua to Nanking. The Department is pressing me for reports, and requires a statement of the expenditure of the advance payment of M\$ 250/-, and an itemization of the transportation charges, and the number of days spent on the trip.

Did you determine the species of *Agropyrum* listed under No. 748 in our Herbarium? We shall be extremely interested to hear from you about the study of the Herbarium material.

So far we have received no information from the Academia Sinica about the safe arrival of the painting and its acceptance. Please inquire and let me know about the

fate of the painting. The painting was insured,  
and could not be very well lost en route to Nanking.

With best wishes from Prof. de Roerich and myself,  
and hoping to hear from you very soon,

Very sincerely yours,

13th February, 1936.

Dear Dr. Keng,

Many thanks for your kind letter of January 15th, enclosing the itemized account of your expenses on the return trip to Nanking.

We were very interested to hear about the undescribed species of Agropyrum ( No. 748 of our Herbarium ). This is good news, and we are looking forward to seeing your article on the grasses of the Mongolian herbarium.

I am sorry to hear that Prof. de Roerich's painting has not yet been located by the Academy. It was sent through the Pacific Storage Corporation, Marco Polo Street, 4, Peiping. We have written to the Company to inquire. Please let me know how the matter stands.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your two valuable articles ( New grasses from Kwangtung and New Bamboos and grasses from Chekiang ) which will be much appreciated in our Institute's library. You certainly do wonderful work.

I am sorry that you did not get the photo of yourself which has been sent to you by boat mail. I am enclosing

another. Please remember me to Dr.H.H.Hu when you  
see him next.

With best wishes from Prof.de Roerich and  
myself,

Very sincerely yours,

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March 18th, 1936.

Dr. Y. L. Keng,  
National Research Institute of Biology.  
Academia Sinica,  
Nanking, China.

Dear Dr. Keng,

Many thanks for your interesting letter of the 2nd instant. *A. mongolicum* is welcome news! We shall be interested to hear further news about your study of the grass material from Inner Mongolia.

Prof. de Roerich was glad to hear that his painting was received by the Academia Sinica. It is surprising that the Academy failed to acknowledge this donation. Some years ago Prof. de Roerich presented one of his paintings to the Historical Museum in Peiping, and in return received a very nice letter of appreciation from the Museum authorities.

We shall be glad to enter into exchange of botanical material with your Institute. Authentic specimens from Ssu-ch'uan and the East Tibetan region will of interest to us here. In return we could send herbarium specimens and seeds.

With best wishes from Prof. de Roerich and myself.

Yours very sincerely,

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27th April 1936

Dr. Y. L. Keng,  
National Research Institute of Biology,  
Academia Sinica,  
Nanking.

Dear Dr. Keng,

We have sent you fifteen lots of grass seeds by parcel post to inaugurate the exchange of the herbarium and seed material between our Institute and your institution. In exchange we would welcome herbarium material from Ssu-ch'uan or Eastern Tibet.

Hoping that the seeds will safely reach their destination, and with best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Sent: to Dr.Y.L.Keng  
Nanking,China.

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Elensine aegyptica Ladhar Nov.28,1935  
Cenchrus catharticus " Dec.2,1935  
Digitaria ciliaris or Paspalum sanguinale  
var.ciliaris Ladhar. Dec.2  
Elesine flagellifera. Nees. Ladhar Nov.26,1935  
Eragrostis pilosa. Ladhar. Nov.26,1935  
Tetr Tetrapogan villorus Des. Sangla Hills. Dec.15,1935  
Poppo  
~~Asp~~phorum Ancheri Taub & spach. Sangla Hills, 16 Dec  
Eleusine scindica. Dulcie, Ladhar Dec.12,1935  
Evagrostis sp. Ladhar Dec.8,1935  
Aristidia adscenlionis L. Ladhar. Dec.12,1935  
Cynodon dactylon, Ladhar. Nov.28,1935  
Cenchrus biflorus Ladhar. Nov.26,1935  
Aragrostis minor. Ladhar. Dec.2,1935  
Pennisetum orietale. Ladhar. Nov.28,1935  
Echinochloa crusgalli. Ladhar. Dec.2.1935.



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June 5, 1936.  
Kulu, Punjab, Br. India

Dr. Y. L. Keng,  
Academia Sinica  
Institute of Biology,  
NANKING, China.

Dear Dr. Keng,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at the last meeting of the Board of the Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute you had been unanimously elected "Honorary Member" of our Institute.

In conveying to you the above, I express our hope that you will kindly extend to our Institute your valuable advice and cooperation in the scientific field.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

President-Founder.

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2nd January, 1937

Dear Dr. Keng,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th November, 1936, and the enclosed list of exchange material, which we shall be very glad to receive. The Government of India have recently issued new regulations covering the importation to India of plant and seed material and required a certificate of origin signed by the sender. I hope these regulations will not interfere with our exchange. During the next field season I shall try to send you some exchange material and herbarium specimens. We are especially interested in material from Ssu-chu'an and adjoining Tibet and the Kuku-nor region ( Ching-hai). I wonder whether your Institute could help us to obtain a small quantity of seeds of *Panax ginseng* for experimental purposes in the Himalayas. Many thanks for your valuable contributions on the *Avenas* and on the new species of *Arundinella*, as well as your article in Chinese on Dr. Hitchcock. I have not received

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your article on our expedition to Inner Mongolia.  
Could you kindly send us another copy of the same  
with a brief translation, if possible.

With best wishes for a happy New Year from  
Professor de Roerich and myself,

Very sincerely yours,