



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 2016

Dr. James S.C. Chao
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Chao:

It was a pleasure to see you again at the White House recently. You and your wife raised a beautiful family of caring and accomplished daughters who are clearly so devoted to you.

Your and Ruth's life journey from China to Taiwan to America is an inspiration to many people around the world. It is a story that affirms the power of love and the importance of education in building new lives. You and Ruth witnessed many trials of the 20th century, yet you maintained your optimism and faith in mankind, and you drew on your adversities and experiences to help others. Your determination, perseverance, and vision helped you succeed in America and establish a respected shipping company, as well as foundations that provide scholarships to help others access education and improve their lives.

Congratulations on the upcoming dedication of the Ruth Mulan Chü Chao Center at Harvard University, the latest of your many philanthropic initiatives. Your and Ruth's story is emblematic of the best of America, and you have done so much to improve our country and our world. Those who learn of your story will find inspiration, courage, and renewal in your family's journey.

Michelle joins me in sending you, Secretary Chao, Senator McConnell, and your entire family our warmest wishes.

Sincerely,



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

June 6, 2016

Dr. James S. C. Chao
Founder & Chairman
Foremost Group

Dear Dr. Chao:

Although I cannot be there with you today, I wanted to offer my personal congratulations to you and your family on the inauguration of the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center at Harvard University.

This building stands as a physical testament to Ruth's undying commitment to instilling in students everywhere a love for learning. The first building on Harvard's campus named after a woman and the first building named after an American of Chinese heritage, the Center is also a testament to our progress as a Nation. The strength of our country lies in the constant refurbishing of its soil with new ideas, new cultures, and new traditions. It is the defining feature of America, and it is the nature of who we are. The Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center will help us honor that history and heritage.

I am confident that all who enter this beautiful building in the years to come will be inspired by the woman for which it is named. They will be inspired by her spirit of optimism, hope, and service, and they will try to live a life worthy of the one she led. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to Ruth and the world she envisioned for us all.

Congratulations, again, and I hope you enjoy the ceremony. Jill and I send our best to Elaine, May, Christine, Grace, Angela, and the rest of your beautiful family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden", written over a large, light blue diagonal line that extends from the top right towards the bottom left of the page.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.



GEORGE W. BUSH

June 6, 2016

Greetings to those gathered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the dedication of the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center at Harvard Business School.

From every corner of the world, people come to the United States to discover the promise of America. With hard work and determination, immigrants enrich the cultural fabric of our society and add to our country's diversity. One of the finest examples is the Chao Family. Ruth and James Chao traveled to this country in pursuit of the American Dream. Arriving in a new country with very little means, the Chao family overcame great hardships and adversity and prospered greatly. They are now giving back to the country that has blessed them so much.

An underlying theme of the Chao's inspirational story is the value they placed on education. They believed that education is the key to a more hopeful tomorrow and encouraged their daughters to dream big dreams and to make the most of every opportunity. I am proud that Elaine served with great distinction as the Secretary of Labor during my Administration and know that Ruth and James delighted in the accomplishments of all of their daughters.

Dr. James Chao understands the timeless truth: to whom much is given, much is required, and I am grateful he has chosen to honor his beloved wife by making this new HBS Executive Education facility a reality. The Chao Center will stand as a permanent reminder of the strength of Ruth's character and will benefit generations of the leaders of tomorrow for years to come.

Laura and I send our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.



WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

June 6, 2016

Dr. James S.C. Chao
Chairman
Foremost Group

Dear James:

I am pleased to join your family, friends, and the entire Harvard community in congratulating you on the dedication of the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center.

This beautiful facility is a wonderful tribute to the memory of your beloved wife and her lifelong commitment to education. As the hub of Harvard Business School's Executive Education program, it will be a place where people from around the world come together to learn from one another in the spirit of friendship and understanding—values Ruth lived by and held so dear. And as the mother of six strong daughters and a passionate advocate for women's educational opportunities, it is especially meaningful that the building that bears her name is the first on campus to be named after a woman.

Congratulations again on this special day for your family, and best wishes for many years of inspired learning at the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



GEORGE BUSH

May 27, 2016

Dear James,

It has given Barbara and me great joy to have known you, Ruth, and your family in the last 30-plus years. We have watched your family grow and your company flourish, and we took special pride in your daughter Elaine's distinguished service in both my Administration and that of my son, President George W. Bush.

Thus, it is with pleasure that Barbara and I send our congratulations on the inauguration of the **Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center** at Harvard University on June 6, 2016! With this latest gift, you are making a lasting and historic contribution to Harvard, our country and the world. Not only does this Center memorialize the life and legacy of your beloved wife, Ruth, but it is a farsighted contribution to the development of future global leaders. In this increasingly international and interconnected world, the **Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center** will be the site where leaders can gather, exchange ideas, learn from one another, and gain the knowledge and understanding to build a more peaceful and harmonious world. You are known for being an innovator and a pioneer, and it is noteworthy that the **Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center** is the first building named after a woman and the first building named after an Asian American on campus.

You and Ruth raised a wonderful family, and America has benefited from your immigration to this great country. You two experienced wars, relocations, and new beginnings; and you met these challenges with courage, determination, and love for one another, your family and humanity. It is a story worth sharing with others, and everyone who learns of your story will be inspired and renewed by your and Ruth's example.

Barbara and I send our best wishes to you, your daughters, Elaine, May, Christine, Grace and Angela, and your sons-in-laws and grandchildren.

All the best,

Dr. James S. C. Chao
Chairman and Founder
Foremost Group



JIMMY CARTER

June 6, 2016

To Dr. James Chao

Rosalynn joins me in congratulating you on the inauguration of the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center at Harvard University. This is a spectacular testament to your love for Ruth, the foundation of your family who left such a legacy of service and contribution to our world. It is noteworthy that it is the first building named after a woman and the first building named after an Asian American on campus.

The story of your and Ruth's life journey offers tremendous inspiration to millions around the world. You both have demonstrated the importance of hope, optimism, hard work, and the enduring value of education. You have raised a wonderful family of daughters who are accomplished in their own right, established a world-class international shipping company, and have also been generous philanthropists to many causes.

Please know that you and your family have our warm best wishes on this special day and throughout the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. James S. C. Chao
Chair, Foremost Group