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Prof. Branko Kovacevich
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Dear President Branko Kovacevich,

I am pleased to acknowledge receiving your letter dated on January 20th, 2017. As mentioned in your letter, we thank you very much for your hospitality for receiving Prof. XU Kuangdi's delegation in 2015. On his behalf and in the name of myself, we would like to send you our sincere appreciation and best regards for your friendship.

It is my pleasure to be invited as a keynote speaker to participate in the coming AESS Annual Assembly held in Belgrade on March 23rd, 2017. I would like to thank you for this invitation. Unfortunately, it is not possible for me to attend this meaningful event in this March, due to my heavy domestic engagement already scheduled beforehand at that time.

We think highly of the Sino-Serbian cooperation in engineering and technological sciences for mutual benefit. I would like to continue to discuss our future collaboration on any appropriate occasion. You are welcome to China anytime at your convenience.

Wish the 2017 AESS Annual Assembly to be completely successful!

Sincerely,

ZHOU Ji

President of the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE)