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Mr. Leonid E. Limonov  
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Dear Mr. Limonov,

It was a pleasure for me to visit the Leontief Centre during my recent visit to St. Petersburg. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to you for organizing the workshop on New Structural Economics at the Centre. I enjoyed sharing my ideas on new development thinking with the academic community. The interactions were also most helpful for my understanding of the opportunities and challenges of Russia's development in the coming years.

I would also like to thank you for providing me with the many impressive publications, which your Centre produces. I can see that the Centre has contributed significantly in promoting top international standards of quality in social and economic studies and consultancy, and in fostering professional methods of governance for Russian cities and regions.

Thank you again for your hospitality during my visit to St. Petersburg. I look forward to having further interactions with your Centre in the near future.

Sincerely,



Justin Yifu Lin

Copy to: Mr. Vadim Grishin, Executive Director, The World Bank.