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ANNIVERSARY APPRECIATION LETTER

Esteemed Rector,
Dear Professors and Students,
All dear friends of University of Ruse

On the light of the elative anniversary moment of 75th years of meritorious existence of University of Ruse, the Romanian Naval Academy community is standing by its valuable partner, availing on this opportunity to renew its highest consideration and warmest honorary thoughts on the celebration time, for all professors, students and graduates of this prestigious University. It is a difficult moment that hampered our physical presence in the same auditorium at this time, but we still feel very close to you in any way and context, seeking to send into an alternative format our congratulation message for the celebrated community of University of Ruse, in respect of its rich institutional history, present soundness academic status and future achievements, for which we will continue seeking to be part of.

Recalling for our traditional cooperation ties, rooted between our universities in field of scientific research and education alongside the past 15 years, I am in fully right to assert that University of Ruse have been consistently considered one of our most important and reliable partners, the common cooperation programmes being progressively extended in jointly projects implementation or further in academic exchanges areas, always proving a strong connection, compatibility and mutual interest, based on a mutual friendly approach. On different engineering and social areas of knowledge, we always found common points of collaboration, University of Ruse being an example of high academic standards, with significant soundness on regional and

international level. Due to its active involvement in Danube area development and academic networking but not only, the University of Ruse found its European vocation and become an academic leader of educational and scientific research services in Eastern Europe, thus the strong relations honouring our Academy very much.

Thank you for involving our Academy in your initiatives and thank you for responding present to all our invitations in common projects and events, very much appreciated and praised. The relations between our universities is much beyond the conventional institutional ties, but is purely based on the strong connections between the people, as friends and academic comrades. The pandemic times have made the social distance to interfere and to enlarge the distances in our dialogue, although not casting away our friendship, but making the commitment stronger and more consistent - going through these harsh and difficult times together, we will succeed getting even stronger. Then, looking confident toward the future, I am very positive that the cooperation between Romanian Naval Academy and the University of Ruse will be further enriched and diversified, based on our true friendship and ongoing willingness to join common academic programmes and research initiatives.

In the end of my short assertion, I would like to congratulate the academic community of University of Ruse for all its outstanding achievements, wishing you good luck for the future and invoking on behalf of the Romanian Naval Academy the traditional seafarers' best wishing quote: Fair winds and following seas!

Vivat Academia, Vivant Professores!

Sincerely Yours, ROMANIA

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Commandant - Rector of the Romanian Naval Academy "Mircea cel Batran"

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