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Professor Nikolay Kradin
Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology
Vladivostok, Russia

**Re: 50th Anniversary, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology
Russian Academy of Sciences, Far Eastern Branch**

Dear Professor Kradin,

I am very pleased to send my **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology** on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. I have been very honoured to work with some of the outstanding current and former staff of this very esteemed research institution. I would especially like to send greetings to our close colleagues Nikolay Kluyev, Igor Sleptsov, and Irina Pantukhina.

Together we have published many articles in internationally esteemed journals that report our collaborative research on the ancient quarrying, tool manufacture, and trade of obsidian within East Russia, Korea, and China. The research is notable for the creative combination of original fieldwork with artefact and geochemical analyses.

These achievements would not have been obtained without the support and assistance of the Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology. Thanks and Congratulations to all the staff with whom we shared ideas and stories and who provided such a lovely welcoming environment during the time we spent in Vladivostok and in the field.

I wish the Institute continued outstanding success in cutting edge academic research and outreach to the broader community through fieldwork, publications and museum exhibitions!!

Very Best Wishes!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Torrence".

Dr. Robin Torrence
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