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Dear Prof. Dr. Rainer Horn,

This letter is to support Prof. Dr. Renfang Shen for the position of the President-elect (2025/2026) of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS).

Prof. Renfang Shen, honorary President (2020-present) and former President (2012-2020) of Soil Science Society of China (SSSC), currently works at Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISSCAS) as Director General. Prof. Shen has published almost 300 peer-reviewed papers in the research field of soil science and plant nutrition, especially in managing acidic soils, in relation to agricultural production, food safety and ecosystem conservation. Also, Prof. Shen has actively engaged in academic exchanges and contributed enormously to the development of soil science throughout Asia as an outstanding scientist, mentor and leader.

Prof. Shen has been a member of IUSS EC last year and dedicated himself for promoting major activities in Division 3. I am sure he will be a good leader as the IUSS President if elected. IUSS Subcommittee of the Science Council of Japan will also collaborate to foster more cooperation and communication in the period of his position.

Once again, I would like to be a nominator to support Prof. Renfang Shen for the IUSS Presidency Election.

Sincerely,

Prof. Kazuyuki Inubushi,

Chair of the IUSS Subcommittee of the Science Council of Japan