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Statement of Purpose: As the Crawford Chair in Agricultural Economics at the Australian National University and with prior experience as a Deputy Director of China Center for Agricultural Policy (CCAP) and New Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) at Peking University, I have been privileged to serve in various leadership and administrative roles. My dedication to the field is evident in my current role as President of the East Asia branch of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and as Vice President of the Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE). I have taken responsibilities in organizing international conferences to foster collaborations between research institutes, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector, as well as to promote mentoring and training for a more diverse group of junior faculty and PhD students. My engagement with the public sector, including my previous position at ABARES and collaborations with international organizations such as ERS-USDA, OECD TAD and IFPRI, has enriched my experience in extending research to public benefit. In my editorial role as Associate Editor and Co-editor of the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AJARE), I have worked to enhance the journal's reputation and credibility in the academic community, and to improve the fairness and efficiency of the peer review process. As President, I would devote to: (1) develop further pathways for advanced professional enhancement and scholarly communication in the agricultural and natural resource economic sector; (2) extend the horizons of AARES journals to embrace cutting-edge and high-quality research endeavors; (3) boost opportunities for postgraduate students and early-career economists to actively involve themselves in AARES's events; (4) break down disciplinary silos, encouraging cross-disciplinary interaction and dialogue between agricultural and resource economics and other academic fields.

Previous and Present Positions: Professor and Crawford Chair in Agricultural Economics, Australian National University, Canberra, February 2024 to present; Professor (Tenured Full), School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences, Peking University, July 2021 to January 2024; Associate Professor, School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences, Peking University, December 2016 to June 2021; Senior Economist (Executive Level 2), Farm Survey and Productivity Section, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences, September 2010 to December 2016; Principal Economist (Executive Level 1), Farm Survey and Productivity Section, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences, September 2008 to August 2010; Research Economist, Farm Survey and Productivity Section, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences, January 2008 to August 2008; ARC Postdoctoral/Research Fellow, Australian National University, April 2006 to December 2007.

Degrees: Ph.D. in Economics, Australian National University, Australia; M.A. in International Economics, Nankai University, P. R. China; B.A. in International Economics, Nankai University, P. R. China.

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Committee Memberships and Honors: Vice President, Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE), 2019 to present; President of East Asian Branch and Council Member, Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES), 2019 to present.

Other Affiliations and Honors: Associate Editor and Co-Editor, Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Wiley Ltd., ISSN 1467-5283 (AJARE), 2018 to present; Associate Editor, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Springer Ltd., ISSN 1573-0441(JPA), 2021 to present. Global Agricultural Productivity Analysis Group Member, Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture/ World Bank/ OECD/International Food Product Research Institute, 2018 to present; Australia Day Innovation Award (Ref: 2014/26493E1) - January 2015; Australia Day Achievement Award (Ref: 2014/26493E2) - January 2015; Australia Day Medallion - January 2015; Scholar of the Year, Youth Work Committee, Chinese Association of Agricultural Economics - 2018; Annual Outstanding Director of Class, Peking University - 2020-2021.