October 25, 1940

Dear Dr Hau,

I am writing this so that you can inform the China Committee on my responsibility that the examiners of your doctorate thesis, Professor E.S. Pearson and myself, have without hesitation sent in their recommendation for the conferment of the degree.

I may add that both examiners were impressed with the high standard of the thesis, and I should like to congratulate you most heartily on your success.

There are a few requirements of a purely formal nature, which must delay the actual conferment of the degree until after your departure for China, e.g., the recommendation of the examiners must be confirmed by the Senate, and I do not know the moment when this body meets. Also it is customary to await actual publication of parts of the thesis which at the time of examination are not yet published.

In these circumstances I hope your Committee will understand that the degree will not be conferred until some time after the beginning of next year, yet that all essential steps have been taken, and that there is no doubt that it will in due time be conferred.

Yours sincerely,