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I would like to send my condolences on the loss of Professor Nan Rendong.

We are recalling that Professor Nan Rendong stayed at Nobeyama Radio Observatory for collaboration.

May his soul rest in peace.

My deepest sympathy,

Ken'ichi Tatematsu

Director of Nobeyama Radio Observatory

National Astronomical Observatory of Japan

K. Tatematsu (National Astronomical Observatory of Japan)

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Dear family of Nan Rendang

I would like to send my sincere condolences to your family on the death of Professor Nan Rendong.

I worked with Nan through the International Astronomical Union Radio Astronomy Commission (I was the Commission President from 2012 to 2015). He contributed greatly to the IAU and it was always a great pleasure to work with him. He will be a great loss to astronomy and to your family.

With best wishes

Dr Jessica Chapman

CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science

Australia

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Dear my colleagues and family of Dr. Nan Rendong,

I show my deep condolence of his passing away.

I met Dr. Nan at the Bologna VLBI summer school in 1988, which was almost 30 years ago.

And we have collaborated in the field of VLBI research in Asia.

He was extremely tough guy for the astronomy and made a great achievement to make the FAST realize.

I hear it was very difficult work and he did it.

Definitely he was the leader of FAST project.

He is a honor of the Chinese astronomy and his family as well.

I hope his family will overcome this grief in someday.

Sincerely yours

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I am very saddened to hear of Prof. Nan RenDong's early death.

He was a very good friend of us, and visited us several times and we always had good times.

We know that he survived the Cultural Revolution time, and worked hard to propose and realize the big FAST project

We liked his personality, and liked the brush drawings which he showed sometime. I felt that he is a real cosmopolitan, and genuine Chinese.

We miss him, and hope now he has a good rest in this universe.

Hisashi Hirabayashi

The Institute of Space and Astronautical Science

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Dear family of Nan Rendong,

I am deeply saddened to hear that Nan has passed away. I have known him for many years and have always admired his courage and stamina in taking the FAST telescope from conception to completion. I have been privileged to contribute in a small way to this mammoth effort.

Nan will always be remembered as the father of FAST.

Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss.

Dick Manchester

CSIRO, Sydney

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Dear family and colleagues of Nan Rendong

Please accept our deep condolences from everyone at ASTRON. We are very

saddened to hear the news of Nan Rendong's passing.
He was an inspirational leader and hugely talented engineer. He will be missed.
Sincere regards
Carole

Professor Carole Jackson
General & Scientific Director

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To the grieving family of Prof. Nan
I express my deepest condolences to the family of Prof. Rendong Nan, on his untimely death. He was a unique combination of a great Scientist and innovative Engineer. His absence will be greatly felt by the scientific community. Let us pray to God to let his soul rest in peace and provide enough strength to the family to bear the loss.

With my deepest sympathy with the Family
Kiran Baliyan
Prof. Kiran S Baliyan
Physical Research Laboratory
(Unit of Dept. of Space, Govt of India)

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I wish to give my condolences on behalf of my wife (Nina) and myself.
I worked together with Nan in the 1980's at ASTRON (in the Netherlands). He was always cheerful and a pleasure to work with.
I was very surprised with his great artistic ability (we still have a watercolour picture he made for us one evening when he visited our home in Dwingeloo,

Tony Foley

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Please convey my deepest sympathy to Nan's family. Nan worked with our VLBI group at Jodrell Bank some years ago. He contributed a lot to the group and was always friendly and

quite a character, I'm sure he will be missed.

Best Regards
Ralph Spencer
Professor of Radio Astronomy (Emeritus)
Jodrell Bank Observatory
The University of Manchester

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I am very sad to hear the news of the passing of Nan.

He was a true visionary of radio astronomy, and it is only fitting that his legacy will remain in the FAST antenna. He was very proud to see its science and engineering make great advances. He welcomed me to China on my first trip there. I will miss him.

With sincere condolences,
Martha Haynes
Martha P. Haynes
Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy
Chair, CCAT Board of Directors
530 Space Sciences Building
Cornell University

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Dear Family members,

I would like to offer my deepest condolences on the big loss. I am so sorry to hear the sad news.

He was always friendly, and made us happy particularly during his stay in our lab in Japan. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.

My sincerest condolences,
Inoue

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I will miss Nan, he was very much a gentleman, and very knowledgeable of radio telescope design. We served together on the 65m Shanghai

Telescope review panel. I offer you my sympathy.

Bob Anderson
Chief Telescope Engineer
Green Bank Observatory
West Virginia, USA

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Dear Guo, WenWu and the family and friends of RenDong Nan

Words are all I have as I try to share the sense of your loss, but my memories shall always be precious....

RenDong was a very dear friend, who I first met in 1987 at my first international meeting, when still a PhD student, and who instantly became a friend and philosopher. We communicated now and then and met even less often, but he was always thoughtfulness personified and someone with whom there always was a strong resonance for me with so many things to share, scientific and otherwise. The learning from his life's experiences that he sometimes talked about were unique in so many ways, and he brought a special combination of playfulness and wisdom to his interactions that will always stay with me. I had the privilege of hosting him at my institute where he lectured on FAST that was yet to become a reality then. My family had the opportunity to spend some delightful hours with him. And then I had the privilege of being hosted by him and his colleagues in Beijing. It was a very special stay, which let me have lovely interactions with the students and colleagues in the observatory, both within the institute and outside. Very very special was the beautiful evening in his home where I was fed a delectable vegetarian meal that he and Guo cooked for me.

FAST is a phenomenal scientific legacy that he has left behind, but even more, there is the intense warmth and laughter with which RenDong touched so many of our lives....

Staying with the loved memories
Prajval
Professor Prajval Shastri
Indian Institute of Astrophysics

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Dear Tian and Pietro,

Refer your mail, I am saddened to hear the passing away of Prof. Nan. He was a great visionary and 500 meter dish and its special design is a great testament to his expertise and

future thinking and commitment. He had served in several apex committees and inspired several new ideas. It is indeed a great loss to the astronomy community. He will always be remembered for his pioneering work when important results start flowing from the FAST telescope.

It is also a great loss for the family and his students and colleagues. I pray that his soul rest in piece.

Pietro I feel that on behalf of the division B members, you send a letter of condolence to the family.

With best regards,

RK Manchanda

Prof. Rendong Nan, the Chief Scientist and General Engineer of the Five hundred meter aperture spherical radio telescope (FAST) in National Astronomical Observatory of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, passed away on 15/09/2017. He once served IAU as President of Division X Radio Astronomy (2006-2009), President of Commission 40 Radio Astronomy (2006-2009), Vice-President of Division X Radio Astronomy (2003-2006) and Vice-President of Commission 40 Radio Astronomy (2003-2006). He was known to the public for the FAST project. His passing away is a big lost for Chinese Astronomical Society.

Prof. R. K. Manchanda Ph. D. FNASc

Honorary Professor, USQ Australia

NASI Senior Scientist

Dept. of Physics (Autonomous), University of Mumbai

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Dear Prof. Nan's family,

This e-mail sincerely express my condolences for Prof. Rendong Nan, a leading astronomer in the field of radio astronomy and interferometry as well as an engineering leader of FAST. Although I had limited opportunities to talk with him, they were my great pleasure for my deep consideration of international collaborations in radio astronomy.

I never forget his great efforts on the construction of international collaborations and a big future of Chinese radio astronomy.

Best with regards,

Hiroshi Imai

Hiroshi Imai Ph.D

Associate Professor

Allround Galactic Astronomy Research Center

Department of Physics and Astronomy

Science and Engineering Area of the Research and Education Assembly

Kagoshima University

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Dear Nan Rendong's relatives, friends and colleagues!

With this we are sending to all of you our deepest condolences and commiserations from Pushchino and many other Russian radio astronomers. We knew Nan as the outstanding radio astronomer and as the great friend of Russia and Russian people.

Remembering Nan forever,

Rustam Dagkesamanskii

and Anatoly Kovalenko

from Pushchino Radio Astronomy Observatory

of the Lebedev Physical Institute, Russia.

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Dear Family and Colleagues of Nan Rendong,

This is very sad news. Nan was a good friend and colleague for more than 30 years and it's hard to imagine that our lives will no longer be brightened by his infectious good humour and his enthusiasm for his colleagues' work and for the FAST project.

Nan first came to the radio observatory in Dwingeloo in 1985 or 1986 to work with me on VLBI. We did research on Compact Steep Spectrum sources and published a number of papers. Bidy and I enjoyed getting to know him at our home and to appreciate some aspects of his life away from work. For example he was an accomplished painter; every time I come into my office I see his wonderful painting of a Dutch farmhouse near Dwingeloo surrounded by snow. It was a big cultural change for him to live and work in the Dutch countryside but, being Nan, he rose to the challenge and made many personal and professional friendships there that continued for the rest of his life.

I last met him a year ago at the FAST inauguration. It was good that he was able to see his big project come to completion. It will remain a monument to his foresight and scientific and technical leadership, and his ability to forge collaborations among scientists, engineers, administrators and politicians.

He was a scholar and a gentleman and will be greatly missed by us. Our thoughts are with Guo, Nan Siqiao and Nan Sigang.

Best wishes

Richard and Bidy Schilizzi

Prof Richard T. Schilizzi

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I am saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Nan. I worked with him on the FAST project and I was humbled by his competence, his will, and his determination. It is an honor to have known him and even more of an honor to have worked with him to achieve his dream of the FAST 500 meter telescope. The FAST telescope is an appropriate monument for a man of his stature. The world is not quite as bright of a place without him.

Sincerely

Dennis Egan

Mechanical Division Head

Green Bank Observatory

Green Bank, West Virginia, USA