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Dear Michael:

Thank you for your letter of December 18 concerning the progress on the "Mackay 125 Consortium". This is an excellent initiative, and we will be as supportive as possible (within the limits of our resources!).

You raised several interesting ideas in your letter and we met yesterday with the Associate Director of the Presbyterian Synod to discuss plans here for MArch and how we might better cooperate with your own efforts.

Several individuals have indicated their willingness to participate in the seminar planned for March 8 in Taipei:

- Veran Kirkness, Professor Emerita of UBC, and a long-time aboriginal language educator is willing to join us in March;
- The President of the University of Alberta, Dr. Rod Fraser, has confirmed that he will be in Taiwan from March 6th, and he is willing to deliver a lecture; in addition, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Lorne Tyrrel could also be present at that time;
- The Director of Medical Services for the Vancouver Hospital for Children, who is also the Director of the National Research Centre for Child Health located at the Hospital, Dr. Aubrey Tingle, recently visited Taipei and expressed interest in participating in the proceedings;
- George Hungerford, a Vancouver lawyer and partner of Douglass, Symes and Brissendon, happens to be married to a Mackay relative as well as being the Chairman of the board of Vancouver largest private school.

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