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To: Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurta Vasudevan
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May 10, 2020

Dear Mrs. Vasudevan,

It is with a feeling of extreme sorrow that I have learned about the sad demise of a great friend of Russia and an eminent historian dear Professor Hari Sankar Vasudevan. Please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss.

I last met him on the 6th of February at a session of the Kolkata Literature Festival where he had a conversation on stage with famous Russian literary critic Galina Yuzefovich. We had a small talk. Several times before I was lucky to share the dais with him. Prof. Vasudevan's sharp mind and unsurpassable erudition always impressed me.

He was a multifaceted personality of great wisdom, a leading expert on Russian and European history, emeritus Professor at Calcutta University, sharing with others his profound knowledge of Russian-Indian relations. Throughout his successful academic career he had been affiliated with many renowned institutions and projects.

Prof. Vasudevan left behind a great legacy of books and articles, his works on Russia and Russian-Indian ties made an enormous contribution to various academic fields, including history, international relations, world economy, political science, and many others. His talent of a bright lecturer and analyst earned him great respect in India and in Russia.

His personal contribution to strengthening educational and scientific ties between our nations has been widely recognized and will never be forgotten. We will cherish in our hearts the memories of a prominent scholar, a brilliant mind, and an amazing human being.

May his soul rest in peace. I mourn together with you and all his dear relatives and friends.

Yours in grief,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Alexey Idamkin
Consul General