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Dear Partner

I am pleased to announce that Athlone Institute of Technology and Limerick Institute of Technology have now merged to become Ireland's third Technological University: the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest.

The geography of the Midlands and Midwest region is linked by the River Shannon, symbolising the "flow of knowledge and ideas" which has been represented in the TUS logo which was unveiled at our official opening ceremony held on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

TUS comprises a student population of more than 14,000 with 2,000 staff across six campuses. Ireland's newest technological university will drive development and investment across the Midlands and Midwest regions of Ireland with a consolidation of expertise that will strengthen our competiveness. With principal campuses at Athlone and Limerick, we benefit from an already strong and vibrant history of education and learning in the wider region, and look forward to playing our part in sustaining and enhancing this identity for generations to come.

We will offer a more diverse range of research and award degrees in new areas of speciality, while remaining committed to our international partnerships and pathways.

Our international office team will be in contact to plan our promotional activity for the new academic year in our international markets. We look forward to continuing our esteemed partnership as we move into this new chapter of growth, welcoming students from over 100 nationalities to continue their educational journey with us.

Yours sincerely

**Professor Vincent Cunnane** 

President