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Dear Master Chen Zhonghua,

I am writing this letter to apply as your disciple to practice and share Chen Style Taiji Quan Practical Method as taught by yourself and Grandmaster Hong Junsheng. I have been extremely humbled by the challenge posed to my mind and body by Practical Method and I am fully open to a lifelong dedication to its principles.

The first Practical Method class I took was in August 2015 with Paul Janssens. It was then a great honour to meet you in November 2015 at the Sydney, Australia workshop. It took me three years to put into practice the skill of listening and observing without interpretation or judgement. My old habits of interpreting does creep in at times, however, this is the most important principle I have applied so far. It has allowed me to understand other principles of taiji that has eluded me for years. Thank you, Master Chen Zhonghua.

I am now in my fourth year of Practical Method practice and have had the amazing opportunity of learning from many other disciples including Brian Chung, Janet Ho, Kelvin Ho, and Kenny Ly. I admire their dedication to the teaching and their openness to share Practical Method. As of last month, I have been teaching Practical Method informally to a small group of mothers who have approached me to learn taiji quan. I wish to continue sharing Practical Method with your blessing.

Also, I cannot express how blessed I am to have found Practical Method when I sought to learn taiji quan. I did not need to try any other style. To have been born in this lifetime and to have you as the Master of this very method is beyond luck. It is an opportunity that I cannot let pass in this life. In my heart I know I am meant to learn this method.

It is with much gratitude to you and the masters and grandmasters in your lineage that I write you this letter. I hope that you would consider my application to be your disciple so I can share Practical Method as taught by you and Grandmaster Hong Junsheng.

Discipleship application supporter: Brian Chung and Paul Janssens; Sydney, Australia.

With great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tinh Thai', written in a cursive style.

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Sydney, Australia