

Dear Professor Nikolai Kolachevskii, Director of  
Lebedev Physical Institute,

Dear Professor Andrei Ionin, Head of lasers division at  
Lebedev Physical  
Institute,

We are so shocked and extremely sad to learn Prof.  
Leonid Veniaminovich  
Keldysh passed away on last Friday. Please accept my  
deepest condolences to  
his family.

Prof. Keldysh is an outstanding physicist. His  
pioneering work plays a crucial  
role in the development of laser physics, atomic and  
molecular physics, and  
solid state physics.

Prof. Keldysh will never be extinguished from our  
minds.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Ruxin Li

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