“Columbia’s position among the small number of preeminent private universities must be a source of pride and an inspiration for future generations,” said President of Columbia College Bollinger, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, to become Columbia’s 13th president. One of the world’s leading private universities, Columbia has been an intellectual and cultural hub for more than 250 years. Bollinger will become the 19th President of Columbia on June 1, said in a letter to faculty and administrators that he hoped that he and his Provost in his administration he has been aware of the university’s commitment to excellence in research and teaching. He also expressed his gratitude to Jonathan Cole for his contributions to the university and his commitment to advancing its mission. Cole has served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs since 1997, and was named President of the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Columbia has been one of the world’s leading private universities for more than 250 years, and has been a source of pride and inspiration for future generations. Bollinger has served as President of Columbia College since 1997, and was named President of the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Columbia has been one of the world’s leading private universities for more than 250 years, and has been a source of pride and inspiration for future generations.