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Dear participants of

The 4th International Congress & The 70th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation to everyone for the outpouring of support we received after the earthquake and tsunami waves struck the northeast region of Japan on Friday, March 11th.

Although the earthquake caused severe damage to the northeast region of Japan, many other regions, including Nagoya, have not been affected. The convention facilities and hotels in Nagoya continue to be capable of hosting meetings, exhibitions, and other events without any difficulties.

The major international gateways such as Narita, Centrair and Kansai have been operating as usual, and everyone in Nagoya is ready to welcome The 4th International Congress & The 70th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society in October.

The Japanese government and Nagoya will continue to disseminate accurate and appropriate information regarding the situation in Japan, and we will do our best to support The 4th International Congress & The 70th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society delegates in Nagoya. We hope that you will feel confident in holding your meeting in Nagoya as scheduled.

If you have any concerns about the city area, or specifically about the meeting venue for The 4th International Congress & The 70th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthodontic Society, please feel free to contact the Japan National Tourism Organization or the Nagoya Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The people of Japan have resolved to overcome these difficult circumstances, and will overcome together as a nation, and as a people. Furthermore, your visit to Japan will certainly encourage us all and support our community to retrieve. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to Japan soon.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroshi Mizohata
Commissioner
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