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

On behalf of the City of Nagoya, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and sincerest appreciation for the earnest encouragement we received from you after the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11.

The earthquake caused severe damage to the northeast region of Japan. The City of Nagoya is providing as much support as possible by dispatching manpower and supplies to the disaster areas. We are tackling these difficulties together. Even so, here in Nagoya, the hub of the Central Japan region, there has been little effect from the earthquake and people are going about their daily lives. Also, the Central Japan International Airport, the closest international airport to Nagoya, is operating as usual. Nagoya is capable of hosting international meetings, exhibitions, and events, and we are looking forward to welcoming all of you to Nagoya in October.

The City of Nagoya will collaborate with the Nagoya Convention & Visitors Bureau to make every effort to disseminate accurate and appropriate information regarding the situation in Nagoya and Japan. We will continue to work so that your conference can be held as scheduled, and we hope that you will feel confident in coming to Nagoya.

We are wholeheartedly looking forward to welcoming all of you to Nagoya soon.

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Sincerely yours,

Takashi Kawamura

Mayor

City of Nagoya