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Dear all distinguished guests and participants,

We are pleased to welcome all of you to the 8<sup>th</sup> K-INT.

In 2008, Kure International Medical Forum (K-INT) was organized at Kure Medical Center and Chugoku Cancer Center (KMCCCC) to facilitate the international academic activities of the Kure and Hiroshima areas of Japan.

KMCCCC is a referral hospital with 700 beds and has several functions as a cancer center, circulatory center, emergency care center, and perinatal center in Kure city. We are proud of its highly sophisticated and integrated medical services provided for patients. K-INT is a special place where many international guests can establish new contacts both inside and outside of Japan while sharing novel knowledge of medicine and learning the traditional customs of Japan.

In this year, we will hold the eighth K-INT at KMCCCC between July 23 and 26. Its main theme is “Team Approach in Modern Medicine.” Special symposia upon these diseases will be held on the evening of July 24 and during the whole day of July 25.

As indicated below, different themes were selected for K-INT each year.

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| 2008 | Topics on Vascular Surgery in Asia                                 |
| 2009 | Perinatal Medicine in Asia   |
| 2010 | Chemotherapy in Asia: Lung and GI cancers                          |
| 2011 | Endoscopic Surgery in Asia: Current issues and future perspectives |
| 2012 | Emergency Medicine in Asia: How do we deal with it?                |
| 2013 | Trends of Hepatobiliary and Pancreas Disease in Asia               |
| 2014 | Approach to the Cancer Metastasis in Asia                          |

Kure is a small city with about 250,000 residents and is located 20km east of Hiroshima city. It is famous for the presence of a large shipbuilding company and a beautiful panorama of the inland-sea, *Setonaikai*.

Guest speakers and participants at K-INT will be in three optional tours. One is the inspection tour to KMCCCC on the morning of July 23. The other two tours are excursions to 2 UNESCO World Heritage sites: Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on the morning of July 24 and Miyajima-Shrine on July 26. The last excursion is guided by young medical staff and student nurses at KMCCCC. In this setting, K-INT has an educational aspect as well. You would be able to enjoy sightseeing and meet young Japanese citizens in their native land.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kiyomi Taniyama'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal dashed line.

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