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## Message from the President

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is a privilege and a pleasure to invite you to the Fifth Kure International Medical Forum, K-INT, to be held in Kure, Hiroshima, Japan, on July 20- 22, 2012. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Convention Hall of the National Hospital Organization Kure Medical Center/ Chugoku Cancer Center, overlooking Kure Bay and the Inland Sea. The Organizing Committee, in collaboration with our International Advisory Board, is making every effort to put together an exciting program covering important achievements in EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN ASIA -How do we deal with it?

It has now been just over one year since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Fukushima Nuclear Accidents. Not only in Japan, but across Asia, we are facing a difficult task in the wake of so many disasters in 2011: torrential rains in Korea and Thailand, a typhoon in Philippines, and the accident on a Bullet train in China. The 5th K-INT would welcome lively discussion of this timely theme.

Kure welcomes you with scenic views and historical sites such as Kure Chinjyufu, the Imperial Navy Base. You may also visit Miyajima, a World Cultural Heritage site where the people and the gods live together.

We hope to have the pleasure of your company in Kure and are looking forward to a pleasant and productive meeting.