Dear friends and colleagues

Some institutes in Japan are now stating notices which request “all invitations to invited researchers and other guests traveling from China to Japan to be cancelled for a period of time.” These statements were issued following Japanese government ordinances classifying the novel coronavirus strain as a “designated infectious disease” and as a “quarantinable disease”, which went into effect on February 1.

To ensure the safety and health of all the participants, we have decided, unfortunately, to ask
1. all participants from China (including Hong Kong and Macau; the same hereinafter),
2. all participants who have symptoms of pneumonia (such as having fever higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius, feeling a chill, or having a cough, etc.),
3. all participants who have not spent at least 14 days without any symptoms of pneumonia after the last visit to China (including restricted areas in airports),

to CANCEL their participation to COMPSAFE2020. Also, we ask all participants NOT to take flights through China.

Please send a cancellation request to the secretary ASAP if you are suited in the above conditions. We will fully refund your registration fee if your request is received by 16th of February 2020. The registration fee cannot be refunded after that date due to all the preparations.

Please understand that this was the hardest and unfortunate decision for us to make. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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