Dear colleagues from China and other parts of the world

We are in deep concern about the outbreak of the new coronavirus centered on Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China. We would like to express our deepest sympathies to those who have been infected by the virus and those who have been affected by the actions taken to avoid the spread of infection.

It is perhaps a most difficult time to hold an international conference, however, we have decided to “go for launch” as one of the main topics of this conference happens to be, of course, global environment problems. We should not give in to the global spread of virus.

If you have become unable to attend the conference due to the above circumstances, please send a cancellation request to the secretary. Full refund of registration fees is possible if your request is received by 7th of February 2020. This deadline is set according to the publishing process of proceedings. If you have found, after that date, that you cannot attend the conference, please also send a cancellation request to the secretary. We will try to refund the full or part of registration fees once all the payment of the conference has finished. Please understand that the steering committee has already paid quite an amount of expenses for preparation.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and we hope to see you, if possible, in Kobe one month from now.

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