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Dear all distinguished guests and participants,

We are pleased to welcome all of you to the 10th anniversary of K-INT.

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

KMC CCC 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 10th K-INT at KMC CCC between July 13 and 15. Its main theme is “Advances in Cancer Therapy Over the Next Ten Years.” Special symposia upon these theme will be held on the evening of July 14 and during the whole day of July 15. I am very grateful to each of you for the success of K-INT during the past 10 years, and look forward to the next 10 years.

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

- 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
- 2015 Team Approach in Modern Medicine
- 2016 Current Standards and Future Challenges

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 KMC CCC on the morning of July 13. The other two tours are excursions to two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on the morning of July 14 and Miyajima-Shrine on July 16. The last excursion is guided by young medical staff and student nurses at KMC CCC. 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,

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