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Prof. Akira Inaba
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Dear Akira,

Thank you very much for having me in your institution from October 2007 to February 2008 and again from October to November 2008. I enjoyed thoroughly working with you, your staff and students. It is remarkable that we managed to publish a couple of papers and a few more forthcoming. I wish to continue the collaboration we started during my stay for some time to come.

In my opinion, and I am sure you would agree, thermodynamics research remains important as long as the so-called many-body problems are left un-solved. In spite of this, it is recently dwindling at best world-wide, since such big names as Morrison, Hepler, Westrum Jr., Benson, Desnoyer, McGlashan etc. retired and granting agencies have been in favour of big sciences with the one-body approach in replacing them. Under such a climate, it is impressive that your institution has carried on with the banner, "Thermodynamics Research" this far. In this connection, I congratulate you for your efforts to resume your research center under the new name, "Research Center for Structural Thermodynamics", next month for 10 more years.

Best wishes to you, your staff and students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y. Koga', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Yoshikata Koga