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To
Prof. Y. Nakazawa
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Dear Nakazawa-san,

I express my sincere thanks and gratitude to you for the kind invitation as Visiting Professor to your institute last year and making my three months stay very smooth and successful. It was my second visit to Osaka University. When I visited last time fifteen years earlier, the center was Research Center for Molecular Thermodynamics. So, landing in the same place after fifteen years time was really thrilling. But most exciting part of this visit was to meet you, Akutsu-san, Miyazaki-san after so many years! It made me really very happy! You as usual left no stone unturned to make our life most comfortable. Our living at Toyonaka International House was extremely good. Special thanks to Akutsu-san for making my office time more memorable through various interesting discussions and help!

My visit was scientifically fruitful. We studied the effect of hydrostatic pressure on the high spin \leftrightarrow low spin transition of an iron(II) compound by magnetic measurements. The results have been analyzed which are interesting and a paper has been communicated already. Calorimetric and structural investigations of this spin transition material are under process in collaboration with Miyazaki-san and Akutsu-san, respectively. If a nice single crystal is grown of this sample, then we have planned to carry out dielectric study around the spin transition region. At the end of my stay, it seemed that three months passed away so quickly and the stay was short to accomplish so many plans! I strongly believe that we can develop a mutual research interest of further collaboration.

During our stay in Osaka, we had opportunities to see the sights of Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, Miyajima and Awaji-shima, and returned with unforgettable impressions. We always admire Japanese peoples' attitude towards nature, history and sense of beauty.

Nakazawa-san, my wife Rupama and I will remain grateful to you, Akutsu-san and Sato-san for how you managed us to leave Japan within few hours when a family tragedy occurred back at our home in India during our stay in Japan. You all really cared for us so much which we will remember forever. You are amazingly good and friendly people.

Lastly, please do accept my sincere thanks for you and all colleagues of your laboratory and RCST. I look forward to our collaboration and meeting you in near future.

Wishing more success in your personal research and good health to you as well as prosperity of the center.



(ASHIS BHATTACHARJEE)