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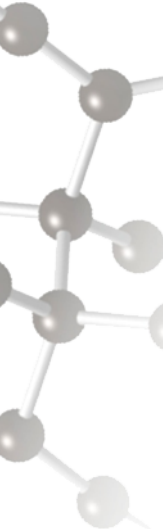
Dear Professor Nakazawa,

I again deeply appreciate the opportunity to spend quality time in your Research Center for Structural Thermodynamics as well as within the Department of Chemistry at Osaka University as a Specially Appointed Guest Professor between July 9 and August 10, 2018. Besides further enhancing and enriching our cultural experience within Japan and visiting several new places as well as revisiting several places to refresh fading memories, the paramount scientific interactions were exceptional.

While we have been collaborating with you, and previously with Prof. Michio Sorai, for many years, discussing current research with your group in person on a one-on-one basis was especially fruitful. In addition to meaningful interactions with your group, my further discussions with the groups of Professors Konno and Yamaguchi were not only a delight, but provided new insights that will be beneficial for my future research. We have already accumulated several samples to send to your group for calorimetric studies.

In addition to providing the opportunity to develop deeper interactions and relations with your research group and of your colleagues at Osaka University, you kindly provided me with the opportunity to visit Prof. Ohkoshi's laboratory at University of Tokyo, Prof. Handa's laboratory at Shimane University, Prof. Inoue's laboratory at Hiroshima University, and Prof. Yamamoto's laboratory at the Institute for Molecular Science in Okazaki where I could present our research results and learn interesting new science proceeding in these laboratories. I was impressed by the broad array of research on the forefront of worldwide contemporary research and the facilities available to these scientists. I also deeply appreciate being able to attend the International conference on Molecule-based magnets that convened in Sendai.

On a more personal note, my wife and I deeply appreciate the warm and friendly hospitality extended by you, Satoshi Yamashita, and Hiroki Akutsu. Particularly when I became ill and needed to see a medical specialist to provide peace of mind, as the problem was very minor. For this we are forever grateful as you really cared for us. You are wonderful hosts.



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Finally, as 2019 is just on the verge of beginning, I and my wife Elaine, who thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Osaka and is looking forward to our next visit, wish you, your family, as well as your colleagues a wonderful and foremost a very healthy New Year.

Best personal regards,



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