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Dear the participants of IFCAA 2012 Sapporo,

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation to everyone for the outpouring of support we received after the earthquake and tsunami waves struck the northeast region of Japan on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Although the earthquake caused severe damage to the northeast region of Japan, many other regions, including Sapporo, have not been affected. The convention facilities and hotels in Sapporo continue to be capable of hosting meetings, exhibitions, and other events without any difficulties.

The major international gateways such as Narita, Centrair and Kansai have been operating as usual, and everyone in Sapporo is ready to welcome the IFCAA 2012 Sapporo in June 2012.

The Japanese government and Sapporo City will continue to disseminate accurate and appropriate information regarding the situation in Japan, and we will do our best to support the IFCAA 2012 Sapporo delegates in Sapporo. We hope that you will feel confident in visiting Sapporo as scheduled.

If you have any concerns about the city area, or specifically about the meeting venue for the IFCAA 2012 Sapporo, please feel free to contact the Japan National Tourism Organization.

The people of Japan have resolved to overcome these difficult circumstances, and will overcome together as a nation, and as a people. Furthermore, holding your event in Japan will certainly encourage us all and support our community to retrieve. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to Japan soon.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroshi Mizohata  
Commissioner  
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