

Kyoto is safe, and the 3rdGQAC conference will be held as planned!

Dear Colleagues,

The massive earthquakes and the following Tsunami that have never been experienced before in our lives attacked the Tohoku area (the north-eastern parts of the mainland) on March 11th. Many towns and villages have been totally wiped out and more than 10 thousand people have been died. Many are still missing. That was really a catastrophe. We hope and believe that people in the Tohoku Area will be rescued in the not too distant future.

As you probably know, the earthquakes and Tsunami also damaged the Fukushima nuclear power plants seriously. However, the government and the Tokyo Electric Power Company in charge have been doing their best to rescue them gradually and to prevent their further damages.

We believe that the present critical state will be over and the power plants will be under controlled. Furthermore, Kyoto is about 560 miles (900 km) away from the epicenters of the earthquakes. We would like to assure you that Kyoto appears to be safe and unaffected by the serious conditions at the present time. Under the circumstances, we plan to hold the 3rdGQAC conference as scheduled.

We are very much grateful to all the people who sent us warm and thoughtful messages after the disaster.

We look forward to seeing you in Kyoto in November.

Sincerely yours,

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