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**An open statement
adopted at the 15th meeting of
the Japanese committee for APCTP**

In our previous meeting of the Japanese committee for APCTP which was held on December 24th, 2015, we were honored by the presence of the president of APCTP, Prof. Bum-Hoon Lee. The Japanese committee was impressed by President Lee's vision, leadership, and devotion. We envisioned a bright future for APCTP and expected fruitful cooperations with the Japanese research communities that would last for coming years under President Lee's leadership.

Only one year later, we regret to learn the parting of Prof. Lee as the president of APCTP. We sincerely hope that this incident wouldn't result in a grave setback for APCTP and the collaboration among the participating member countries. We believe in the vision that was shown by Prof. Lee a year ago and now urge all the parties involved in APCTP to follow the path that Prof. Lee has shown despite his absence as the leader. Here we would like to express our respect and gratitude to Prof. Lee for his great service and contribution to APCTP and its community.

The Japanese committee for APCTP