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Dear Participants and Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your participation and cooperation to the 15th International Heat Transfer Conference (IHTC-15) in Kyoto.

According to the Conference Program, it was started with the two special events open to the public on August 9th and followed by the technical sessions and social programs until August 15th. Although the arrival of an unexpected typhoon affected the travel of some participants on the 9th and 10th, the weather was stable at moderate temperatures throughout the conference period. With about 1,200 participants joining from more than 40 countries, two plenary invited lectures, 29 keynote lectures, two panels and 699 rigorously reviewed papers were presented. The four international awards were presented at the banquet on the 14th. I am very much pleased to note that every event and session has been carried out as planned with your professional services and supports.

We aimed that the Conference would be an excellent opportunity for participants to get together, exchange the state-of-the-art knowledge, and develop their human network in a very friendly and comfortable environment. Therefore, we set forth an important question about the role of thermal science in meeting societal challenges as a grand theme of the Conference and encouraged discussion in a broader framework during the Conference. We employed oral presentation for the general papers instead of posters to facilitate essential Q&As. A small USB card was used to contain all papers without bulky printed proceedings. We provided a free Wi-Fi access in every room and the EventMobile app for mobile device users to access to various information, and also tried to get quality Japanese foods, "Washoku." The Program Booklet was another particular effort to make it easy to find parallel session programs and any information needed for one's stay. I hope all of the participants have enjoyed these arrangements.

Although the Conference was over, I would like to encourage you to keep visiting the following Conference web site at your convenience:

<http://www.ihtc-15.org/>

where additional materials will be uploaded once they are ready. For example, presentation slides and summary reports of the two panel discussions will be made available soon. We are also going to upload photographic records of various technical and social events during the Conference, so that you can remind the time with your friends you must have enjoyed in Kyoto. When they are available, you will receive notification from my colleagues. Please note that all general papers will be archived in the IHTC Digital Library of Begell House Inc., and you will be able to access them with your password fixed at the time of your registration to the IHTC-15.

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So far, we have known through conversation and by e-mails that many participants certainly enjoyed the Conference and have come back home with pleasant memories of Kyoto. It is our enormous pleasure and, on behalf of all my Japanese colleagues, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to your great contributions and supports.

The evaluation of the Kyoto Conference should be fixed in the long history of the IHTCs, but it seems at this moment that our small challenges to reform the IHTC in Kyoto have been favorably received by many participants. I hope the future IHTC will even more develop to be a conference contributing to the advancement of thermal science and also to the sustainable development of global society.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again in the not far future, surely at the IHTC-16 in Beijing, 2018.

Sincerely yours,

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