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Dear 24th International Conference on Photochemical Conversion and Storage of Solar Energy (IPS-24)/International Conference on Artificial Photosynthesis-2024 (ICARP2024) participants,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Hiroshima upon the occasion of 24th International Conference on Photochemical Conversion and Storage of Solar Energy (IPS-24) /International Conference on Artificial Photosynthesis-2024 (ICARP2024).

As I am sure you are aware, Hiroshima is known across the globe as a place of peace. People from all corners of the world visit Peace Memorial Park, where UNESCO World Heritage site the Atomic Bomb Dome stands and their kind offerings of flowers and paper cranes at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims and the Children's Peace Monument are unending. In May last year, the G7 Hiroshima Summit was held in our city, bringing many people here, including the leaders and government workers of G7 countries, who steer global politics and economics, as well as foreign and domestic media. Being held here in Hiroshima, I believe that the impact of 24th International Conference on Photochemical Conversion and Storage of Solar Energy (IPS-24)/International Conference on Artificial Photosynthesis-2024 (ICARP2024) will be amplified in several ways, such as through wider coverage of outcomes and results.

Hiroshima City has prospered for the past 400 years. Initially a castle town, our city has developed into one of western Japan's core cities for industry, the economy, and administration. We are blessed with temperate climates and an abundance of nature, and are known as the "City of Water" for the six rivers that flow through our city. These six rivers create stunning cityscapes which are best enjoyed from aboard a pleasure boat river cruise or from one of our many riverside open-air cafes. These views change with the passing of the seasons, and never fail to impress residents and tourists alike.

Here in Hiroshima, I hope you all experience hospitality like no other. Please enjoy our rich natural sites and cityscapes, food culture, and local traditional performing arts, among so much more our city has to offer. Moreover, I hope that in addition to visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome, you will also visit the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims and share in the Will of Hiroshima, which, enduring the sorrow of the past and overcoming hatred, yearns for the coexistence of and prosperity of all humanity. I sincerely hope that Hiroshima becomes a city which you will want to visit again and again.

In closing, I would like to offer my very best wishes for the success of 24th International Conference on Photochemical Conversion and Storage of Solar Energy (IPS-24)/International Conference on Artificial Photosynthesis-2024 (ICARP2024), and for the health and prosperity of everyone involved.

Sincerely yours,



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