

12<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Naoto KAN

This is a joint request for your kind attention to reconsider budget cut of the Global COE program.

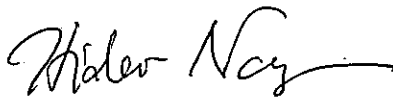
As you understand, promotion of advanced academic research and development of young scientists are common issues in the world. Global COE program has achieved excellent outcomes of fostering young researchers from Japan and other countries, and we are convinced that these capable youth will lead the next generation and build the future.

We understand uncertain outlook for the Japanese economy has put you under pressure to reduce expenditures. However, budget cut on education and research activities including the Global COE program will cause future crisis of Japan. Furthermore, it is a great disappointment for us; research institutes of all countries involved which are willing to advance together with Japan.

Last year, we expressed opposition to budget cut of Global COE in the Shanghai statement on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009. We confirm our continuing support for the statement.

We sincerely hope the understanding of Japanese Government to continue the adequate financial support to Global COE activities. We assure you our continual best efforts to successfully accomplish the Global COE objectives.

Sincerely yours



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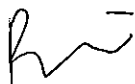
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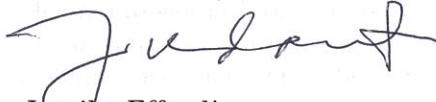
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