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Dr. JIA Ji nsheng  
President  
International Commission on Large Dams

Dear Dr. Ji nsheng,

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation to everyone for the outpouring of support we received after the earthquake and tsunami waves struck the northeast region of Japan on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Although the earthquake caused severe damage to the northeast region of Japan, many other regions, including Kyoto, have not been affected. The convention facilities and hotels in Kyoto continue to be capable of hosting meetings, exhibitions, and other events without any difficulties.

The major international gateways such as Narita, Centrair and Kansai have been operating as usual, and everyone in Kyoto is ready to welcome the ICOLD 80th Annual Meeting and 24th Congress (ICOLD 2012 Kyoto) in June 2012.

The Japanese government and Kyoto will continue to disseminate accurate and appropriate information regarding the situation in Japan, and we will do our best to support the ICOLD 2012 Kyoto delegates in Kyoto. We hope that you will feel confident in holding your meeting in Kyoto as scheduled.

If you have any concerns about the city area, or specifically about the meeting venue for the ICOLD 2012 Kyoto, please feel free to contact the Japan National Tourism Organization or the Japan Commission on Large Dams.

The people of Japan have resolved to overcome these difficult circumstances, and will overcome together as a nation, and as a people. Furthermore, your visit to Japan will certainly encourage us all and support our community to retrieve. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to Japan soon.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroshi Mizohata  
Commissioner  
Japan Tourism Agency