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**Dear distinguished guests, active participants and colleagues,**

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On behalf of the Science Council of Japan, it is my great pleasure to welcome all of you at the 29th International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology (ICCN2010). The Science Council of Japan is an organization representing a broad range of scientific community in Japan in the fields of humanities, natural sciences, and engineering. Our main purpose is to fulfill social responsibilities of the Japanese scientists' community through development of science. Since its establishment in 1949, the Science Council of Japan has constantly promoted international exchange in the field of science through its cooperation with academic organizations from around the world. To this end, we have hosted international conferences held in Japan, and have sent researchers to conferences held abroad.

The 29th International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology was selected as a conference we hosted at the top priority. It was because of such a large scale and high scientific standards. Therefore, I would like to congratulate here the Japanese Society of Clinical Neurophysiology and the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN) for organizing this international meeting. It is our great privilege for us to co-organize this prestigious international congress with the above two foundations.

Since I myself have been engaged in clinical neurology and neuroscience, I am particularly pleased to share common interests with you. Although recent advances of molecular biology in clinical neurology are remarkable, an importance of clinical neurophysiology is not reduced at all in terms of elucidation and evaluation of the functional derangement of patients which are necessary in determining the direction of treatment. In this respect, I hope this meeting will contribute to further advance in this field of clinical neurophysiology and neuroscience throughout the world. I am sure you will find Kobe very attractive in many respects, and I hope you will enjoy your stay in Japan.



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