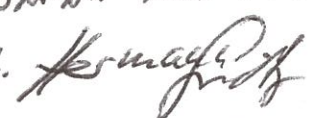


Tokyo, 10. AUG 2012

DEAR ERI COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS,
ONE YEAR AFTER THE TOHOKU-OHI EARTHQUAKE
AND TSUNAMI, WHICH CHALLENGED THE PEOPLE
OF JAPAN, IT WAS A SPECIAL HONOR TO
REVISIT ERI. THIS WAS ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE
STAY BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND CULTURALLY.
I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE EXCELLENT
AND CARING ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS THE
CONSTANT FLUX OF NEW VISITORS ARRIVING
ALMOST WEEKLY. THIS MAKES ERI A TRULY
INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL HUB FOR EARTHQUAKE
AND TSUNAMI RESEARCH. THE HIGHLIGHTS
OF THE STAY WERE THE REVISITS TO
TSUNAMI IMPACTED COASTLINES IN TOHOKU
AND FUKUSHIMA. IT WAS NICE TO SEE
AN IMPRESSIVE RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION
PROCESS. HOPEFULLY THE SANRIKU COAST
WILL RETURN BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL BEAUTY
SOON. LASTLY THANK YOU FOR A REFRESHING
KAKIGORI-PARTY, LOOKING FORWARD TO
FUTURE COLLABORATIONS WITH SATAKE-SENSEI'S
TSUNAMI-LAB AND ERI COLLEAGUES.
I WILL HOPEFULLY REVISIT JAPAN AND ERI
AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.


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