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Dear Professor Kataoka,

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 2011.

On behalf of the Biophysical Society, I am extending our most sincere sympathy to those who suffered such devastating losses from the March 11 earthquake and from the subsequent Tsunami and the Fukushima power station problems.

The Biophysical Society applauds and fully supports the extraordinary efforts and commitment that the Biophysical Society of Japan and the other 33 learned Japanese societies are undertaking to ensure the long-term viability of Japanese scientific research. We fully understand the importance of providing continuous support to young researchers to ensure that they see science as a viable future that can satisfy their aspirations. Such support requires direct economic assistance to those affected as well as support for the rebuilding of universities, research institutions, and research materials. We also firmly agree that your community's efforts to provide a forum for dissemination of accurate information are vital to re-establishing trust. This will ensure continued interactions between the Japanese and international communities, which are crucial for Japan to remain a world leader in science and technology.

We commend you and your colleagues for your efforts to "build a future of hope" and we offer our Society's full support for your goals.

Sincerely

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