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Professor Kotaro Suzumura
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Dear Professor Suzumura:

We are stunned and greatly saddened by the recent catastrophic events in Japan. The anguish and grief that the members of the Science Council of Japan and all of the victims of this tragedy in your country are feeling have been foremost in our thoughts this past week. We wish to extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to you, our scientific friends and colleagues, and the people of Japan as you face and try to come to terms with this heartbreaking situation. As the international scientific community comes together to assist in the recovery and rebuilding, we hope that, despite the magnitude of the destruction and loss, you can find some solace in knowing that the humanitarian precautions taken, foresight used, and advanced technology applied in Japan surely saved countless lives.

On behalf of the H.R. Network's Executive Committee and its participating academies,

Yours sincerely,

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