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To All ASEACCU Member Institutions in Taiwan, Thailand and Indonesia

Dear Rector/President

The theme of this year's ASEACCU Annual Conference is "Caring for God's Creation," a theme, I believe, that takes on a very special meaning here in Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami on March 11, and especially in view of the accident at the Fukushima nuclear power station. I'm very glad that Sophia University could proceed with the preparations for the conference as planned and I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Since the 2008 Conference in Bandung, we have invited junior faculty from member institutions to present their research at the conference. For this year's conference, we have reserved a time slot (Friday, August 26, from 13:00 to 14:10) for three junior faculty members from Taiwan, Thailand, and Indonesia to give a presentation on the theme of the conference, "Caring for God's Creation" from the perspective of environmental issues in their own countries. The organizing committee has already asked researchers from Korea, the Philippines, Australia and Japan to give presentations on the theme. The contributions from Taiwan, Thailand and Indonesia will help us gain a wider perspective that reflects the particular problems of all countries of our member institutions. The time for each presentation is 20 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions.

A written proposal for the presentation (preferably in a more or less final version) should be submitted to the secretariat of ASEACCU not later than June 30. The organizing committee will look at the proposals and decide the candidates to be invited to give a presentation at the conference. As before, expenses (air fare and registration fee) for the participation of our junior faculty will be covered by ASEACCU. Please note that this offer only applies to junior faculty who otherwise would not attend the conference, not to official delegates of a member institution.

Please encourage your junior faculty to take this opportunity to make their research known to a truly international audience. If there are no objections, presentations will be published on the ASEACCU web page.

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me at calmano@nanzan-u.ac.jp. Please make sure that a copy of your correspondence goes to my secretary, Mrs. Kurata at ckurata@nanzan.ac.jp.

Sincerely,



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