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Dear Professor Dr. Oyawa,

Thank you for the support you always accord the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. I am writing to ask for your cooperation in nominating candidates for the 14th HOPE Meeting with Nobel Laureates to be held during the period from 27 February to 3 March 2023 in Tsukuba-city, Japan. The meeting's organizing committee is chaired by Professor KAJITA Takaaki, 2015 Nobel laureate in Physics. This will be the first time in four years that participants will gather in person at the venue.

We would like to request you to nominate up to 2 excellent PhD students and/or young postdoc researchers who specialize in areas of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology/Medicine, or related fields. We would appreciate it if you could try to strike a balance in the number of candidates nominated for each field. We believe that a balanced mixture of participants will enhance interdisciplinary exchange, thus spawning a vibrant atmosphere in the meeting.

Please understand that in order to hold a safe and healthy meeting in which the participants lodge together, we are imposing requirements on the participants, which were not included in previous years, such as vaccinations.

While JSPS will cover the cost of holding the meeting, the nominees' accommodations, meals, transportation between Narita/Tokyo International Airport and the hotel/meeting venue, and overseas travel insurance during the period of the meeting, we ask your institution to cover each nominee's airfare to Narita/Tokyo International Airport, Japan. We also ask that you cover costs associated with PCR testing when your nominees enter Japan and when they re-enter their home countries and costs related to quarantine measures imposed by the Japanese government's border control, if any. JSPS has a financial support system to cover the airfare of nominees when necessary.

We look forward to receiving your list of nominees along with their application forms by 30 September 2022.

Thank you again for your greatly appreciated cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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President,
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