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Prof. Kittichai Triratanasirichai, Ph.D. President Office of the President, Khon Kaen University,123 Mithraphap Rd. Khon Kaen 40002, Thailand

Re: The Hitachi Global Foundation's Programs in 2017

Dear Prof. Kittichai:

On behalf of the Hitachi Global Foundation, I would like to express my gratitude for your steady cooperation with regard to the Hitachi Scholarship program, and would like to invite your university to participate in the program for 2017.

Our program has been devised to support the human development programs of selected universities in Southeast Asia and to enhance collaborative research between such universities and the universities in Japan. Our programs are offered only to university faculty members who hope to study or conduct research at Japanese graduate schools or institutions.

As we informed you before, Hitachi's five foundations were merged to become a single entity, The Hitachi Global Foundation in April 2015. Under the new management of the Foundation, we have reviewed all the programs including the Hitachi scholarship. After the review we reached a conclusion that we modified the scholarship as indicated in the attached sheet.

Enclosed please find the overview of our program, guides and application form. We will send you an electronic version of such documents via email for your convenience. Applications must be screened and authorized by your university's office before being sent to our foundation. The applications must arrive at our foundation office no later than October 31, 2016. We request that you nominate only the most qualified candidates for each program. We would also be more grateful if you could let us know the university's recommendations, if any, as to the most suitable candidate(s) for each program, grading each candidate with an overall score (A, B, C etc) if possible.

Your continued support to our program would be highly appreciated and we look forward to receiving applications through your office.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroyuki Onodera Managing Director

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Enclosed: Overview, Guides and Application Form of the Hitachi Scholarship Program for 2017

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