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Dear APRU Colleagues (Provosts and Senior International Leaders),

I hope this note finds you well during this most unusual time.

Kyushu University joined APRU in March 2021.

As one of Japan's research-intensive universities, we have been committed to addressing grand challenges, especially those related to climate change and energy. We are particularly strong in low-carbon and negative emission technologies, and we are eager to provide opportunities for sharing our expertise and creating dialogue with the APRU network on tackling 21st century challenges together.

I am delighted to announce the launch of a 5-week webinar series from May 12 to June 9 (Americas)/May 13 to June 10 (Asia and the Pacific) on envisioning a carbon-neutral society, with the kind support of the APRU Secretariat Office.

We eventually intend to launch a long-term program on the same subject, but this series is the first step in that direction.

With an eye toward the potential of APRU's great network and the goal of bringing together talented and motivated early career researchers, I am writing to request you to nominate early career researchers from your university to participate in this webinar series, especially in the activities scheduled at the end of each week's session.

The following is the outline of the program.

<Live Webinar Series: A Carbon Neutral Society – Action Month>

Program Outline:

1. Keynote Lectures
2. Q&A Sessions
3. Panel Discussions
4. Interactive Activities (ECRs are preferable participants)
 - Week 1 & 4 - Online Networking
 - Week 2 & 3 - Poster Sessions (Up to 15 presenters per week.)
 - Week 5 - Wrap-up Discussion

These will offer an excellent opportunity for young researchers to expand their network and seek out new collaboration opportunities.

Please refer to the attached for details about the program.

If you know of researchers who would be ideal participants in this program, please nominate up to three ECRs per university by submitting [the nomination form](#) by **Thursday 7 April (Americas)/ Friday 8 April (Asia and the Pacific)**.

For the ECR activities, participants who are able to attend the complete program are preferred.

Please note that the registration information for general participants will be open in April.

We would very much appreciate your kind support and contribution to the program.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Toshiyuki KONO' in a stylized, cursive script.

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