

Dear Friends,

We are truly grateful for the innumerable letters and messages from you expressing deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to us. Most of the damages have been caused by tsunami and not by the quakes. Casualties on the Tohoku University campus buildings and those of the City of Sendai were rather limited. Tohoku University staffs and students are generally fine. Three weeks have passed since the quake, and we are putting our best effort now for an early time returning to the recovery track.

For all of our friends and the people supporting the GCOE Program, World center of Education and Research for Trans-disciplinary Flow Dynamics, we are pleased to announce that we are strongly motivated to hold the 8th International Conference on Flow Dynamics, ICFD2011, broadly as originally planned. We believe that this conference will give us a great opportunity to discuss what we have learned from this disastrous effects, how to fortify our social systems to be durable and safer under these kinds of forces of nature, and, what we can do to transform our society living in harmony with the mother nature, from the viewpoint of flow dynamics. There may be, naturally, some modifications in detailed schedules. Further information on ICFD2011 programs and schedule will be posted on this website as soon as it gets prepared.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude again to all our friends who have sent the heartfelt messages and letters of sympathy and encouragement to us.

Sincerely yours,

March 31, 2011

The Organizing Committee, ICFD2011