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To all the 11th International Conference on Optics-photonics Design & Fabrication (ODF'18 in Hiroshima, Japan) participants,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude on the occasion of the 11th International Conference on Optics-photonics Design & Fabrication (ODF'18 in Hiroshima, Japan), and offer a heartfelt welcome to each and every participant who has come to Hiroshima.

As you may know, Hiroshima City is familiar worldwide as a place of peace. Peace Memorial Park—home of Hiroshima's symbol, the UNESCO world heritage site of the Atomic Bomb Dome—draws many visitors from around the world, and there is no end in sight to the offerings of flowers and paper cranes at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims and the Children's Peace Monument. Holding this conference in such a city will undoubtedly help the event to deliver a strong impression to the world, in terms of the transmission of the conference's outcome and more.

Hiroshima originated around 400 years ago as a castle town, and has developed as one of the pivotal cities for industry, economics, and administration in western Japan. Six rivers flow through the city, which is blessed with a warm climate and rich nature. The riverside scenery, seen from tour boats and open cafes, changes with the four seasons, and the beautiful waterfront views of the "City of Water, Hiroshima" delight citizens and tourists alike.

I do hope every one of you will take the time to experience Hiroshima's rich natural sites and cityscape, food culture, and traditional arts, so that you may feel the full satisfaction inspired by Hiroshima's particular type of hospitality. Furthermore, it is my sincere wish for participants to share in Hiroshima's enduring desire and hope for peace, which former U.S. President Barack Obama also partook of during his historic visit to our city on May 27, 2016.

In closing, I extend my best wishes for the success of this conference, as well as for everyone's health and good luck in their endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

