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Invitation to the second meeting of the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment Financial Forum

Dear Mr. Armen Papikyan,

We are writing to you in your capacity as a representative of your agency to inquire whether you would be able to participate or send a delegate to the second meeting of the Hyper-Kamiokande (HK) experiment Financial Forum (HKFF), which will be held on June 27^h, 2019 in Tokyo. We also invite the attendees of this meeting to an optional tour of the J-PARC facility on the following day (June 28th 2019).

The purpose of the HKFF is to conduct high-level discussions amongst all the international agencies, laboratories, and universities which have potential interests in supporting the researchers who would like to participate in the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment. This forum offers a place for the agencies to find out the details of the project, including its goals, timeline and organizational structure, and to share information on the interests and constraints of each country or region. The first meeting was held in January 2019. At the first meeting, MEXT explained the funding policy and the project leaders reported the status in Japan and scientists from each country or region presented their possible contributions to the HK project. At the end of the meeting, the participants asked the scientists to prepare an "Expression of Interests" (EoI) in each country or region and consult the funding bodies in a timely manner. This second meeting is an excellent opportunity to review the progress towards realizing the project including the prepared EoI by each group.

We very much hope you or a delegate from your agency will participate in the second HKFF meeting for exploratory discussions on this exciting scientific project. This time, we would like to invite you to an optional visit to the world-leading high intensity proton accelerator complex, J-PARC on the second day of the meeting.

We would be grateful if you can let us know whether you or a delegate from your agency will attend this forum by sending an e-mail to our scientific secretariat before June 7th, 2019. We will then get in touch with you for further details.

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We look forward to seeing you in June.

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