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On behalf of the Seismological Society of Japan (SSJ) and the IASPEI 2017 Local Organizing Committee, I would like to invite you to the 39th General Assembly of IASPEI to be held in Kobe, Japan from July 30 through August 4, 2017.

The city of Kobe experienced devastating earthquake in 1995. In the last 20 years, the city has completely recovered, and the seismology in Japan has drastically improved, including installation of nation-wide seismological and geodetic network with more than 1,000 stations, establishment of the Earthquake Research Committee in the government, which evaluates monthly seismic activities as well as makes long-term forecast and publishes national seismic hazard maps. These developments lead new and important discoveries such as slow earthquakes and tectonic tremors and earthquakes. The unprecedented invaluable datasets given by the 2011 Tohoku-oki earthquake and tsunami, though it had given a huge tragic disasters along the Japanese northeastern coasts, provided researchers with a unique opportunity to unravel the mechanism of such large earthquakes. In addition to scientific forum on a wide variety of research fields of seismology, we also plan outreach activities for the local people in Kobe City.

The venue, Kobe International Convention Center has capacity to accommodate more than 1,500 participants, and we will also welcome IAG (International Association of Geodesy) to join us to have a joint assembly of IAG-IASPEI. If this happens, the Geodetic Society of Japan will also join the LOC.

We look forward to meeting you in Kobe in 2017.

Sincerely yours Teruyuki Kato President, Seismological Society of Japan



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