

Dear 2011 P, F&L Authors, Reviewers and Technical Chairs,

I thank you for joining in the 2011 P, F&L Conference as an author, reviewer and technical chair.

As you may well know by now, the northern part of Japan was struck by an unprecedented devastating earthquake and tsunami last Friday, and it is currently unknown as to how long it will take until things are more or less back to normal.

As organizers of the Conference, we would like to express our condolences to the victims of the disaster, and offer our thanks for the messages of encouragement we have received not only from home but also around the world.

However, I would like to inform you that the city of Kyoto (including the Kyoto Terrsa) has experienced no physical damage and the conference is to go ahead as scheduled.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Y. Matsuda", is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Yoshihiko Matsuda

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Conference Chair, the Steering Committee

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