

## MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR KATSUJI SHIMIZU



Dear Council Members of APOA and all APOA Members

Though the earthquake and tsunami has severely hit Japan off the north eastern coast last month, there were no damage in Gifu, where the congress will take place.

The nuclear crisis at Fukushima Daiichi Plant will not bring any negative effect to Gifu since the plant is more than 450 km away from Gifu. However, it is unfortunate that some people from overseas are cancelling their visit to Japan.

We would like to let you know that the congress is proceeding smoothly. We would appreciate much if you would please encourage the APOA members and other colleagues to participate in the spine and pediatric sections meeting at Gifu.

\*Pre-registration can be made by Friday, 29 April 2011 at the congress website.

Thank you in advance for your kind help.

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