

Dear colleagues,

As much as one year passed since the moment when we gathered at the International Conference of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine in Japan. Not by chance, Professor R.Sakai decided to hold this event in the period of spring blossoming of sakura, symbolizing awakening of the nature and human hearts, flourishing of various forms of creative work and promotion of human activities. The past year showed that the direction chosen by him completely justified itself. It complies with the hopes and desires of people to be physically healthy, enhances an ability to control and to reduce risks of fatal impact of harmful factors both of artificial and natural origin on their health. The above direction has bright prospects. This fact is proved by wide recognition on the part of the world scientific community, involvement of new associations and highly skilled experts, arrangement and holding of local and concluding international forums. Once again I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the International Committee of the Conference and in particular, to the Professors R.Sakai, S. Morgenthaler and T. Shirakawa, who gave me a chance to visit the beautiful Country of Rising Sun and be forever inspired with love and respect towards this country and people living therein.

Yours faithfully,

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