[Re: Cancellation of ASC2011 in Kobe Japan]

Dear APSA members

The earthquake and tsunami that hit Eastern Japan on March 11 has been taking the heaviest toll as a natural disaster in the history of Japan after World War II. We lost many people and many more are still missing. Besides, we are struggling to contain the problem at Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Under the circumstances, we, the Japan NOC for ASC2011 made a thorough review of the situation and reached a conclusion that we will not be able to host the Asian Seed Congress in November 2011.
We sincerely apologize to the members of APSA, President Dr. Huang, EC members and the Secretariat for any inconvenience and disappointment the decision may cause.

We are still interested in hosting an ASC in Japan in the near future but it all depends on how soon and how much the situation improves.

Once again we sincerely apologize to all of you for not being able to host ASC 2011. We hope APSA will find an alternative venue for the congress soon and have another successful congress in spite of all the inconveniences caused by our decision.

Sincerely yours,

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