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Summit of the Alliance of Asia Pacific Region Orchestras (AAPRO) in Japan

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To whom it may concern,

The Association of Japanese Symphony Orchestras will be hosting the Summit of the Alliance of Asia Pacific Region Orchestras (AAPRO) in Japan for three days from October 5 to October 7, 2016, in Tokyo, as determined by the Board of Directors of the AAPRO on July 9, 2014.

With a focus on the statutes proposed during the second summit held in October 1999, this summit will look back at when the AAPRO was originally established, and aim to deepen and strengthen cooperative environments between orchestras, through a number of forums and conferences.

STATUTES (for reference)

We, the orchestras of Asia-Pacific region, hereby establish the Alliance resulting from our friendship, in order to further develop the orchestras' artistic excellence.

While respecting the cultural difference between us and recognizing that an orchestra is a manifestation of the culture of its community, member orchestras will work together for a fruitful 21st century through the exchange of information and by discussing common issues.

The Association of Japanese Symphony Orchestras was established in 1990 with 18 organizations and is Japan's only association of professional orchestras. Today, it is made up of 34 organizations with 25 full member and 9 associate member orchestras.

This year's summit coincides with Asia Orchestra Week 2016 sponsored by the governmental Agency for Cultural Affairs, so we have scheduled time for participants to enjoy some of their concerts.

I am honored to send you this invitation to a very meaningful summit. If you wish to join AAPRO, please say so and you will be registered. (Membership fees will not be collected.)

Expenses for participating in this conference:

Paid by participants: International airfare (return cost to Japan), travel within Japan, accommodation in Japan

Funded by the Association of Japanese Symphony Orchestras: Summit costs, concert admission for participants, lunchtime snacks, etc.

I earnestly look forward to your understanding of the spirit of the conference and seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Yukiharu Kodama

Chairman of the Alliance of Asia Pacific Region Orchestras
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