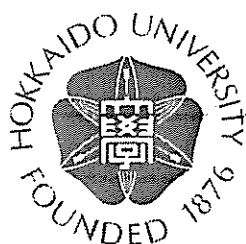


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November 22, 2016

Rector Evgenia I. Mikhaylova  
North-Eastern Federal University  
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Dear Rector Evgenia I. Mikhaylova,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your invitation to the 60th anniversary of North-Eastern Federal University from November 30 to December 1, 2016. I regret that I will not be able to attend the important events owing to a prior engagement. I attempted to find a suitable person to attend on my behalf, but I am afraid I could not find anyone available. I hope you will kindly understand our circumstances.

I am pleased that many researchers and students of Hokkaido University have been conducting successful joint researches and activities with your university. I sincerely hope that the relationship of both universities will be more fruitful and sustainable in the years to come.

I would like to thank you again for your kind invitation and extend my congratulations on your 60th anniversary.

Sincerely,

Keizo YAMAGUCHI

President

Hokkaido University