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Professor Rolf Heuer
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Dear Director General Heuer:

I would like to express, on behalf of KEK, the respect and appreciation we feel towards our colleagues at CERN for their sympathy and the spirit of solidarity they demonstrated through their donation to *Ashinaga*. This donation was made during the critical period of recovery from the 3.11 earthquake/tsunami that devastated a large part of northeastern Japan. It is, I believe, a very thoughtful decision to donate to this non-profit organization, the name of which is the Japanese translation of the title of the American novel *Daddy-Long-Legs*. Ashinaga provides financial, educational and emotional support to children whose parents/guardians were lost or seriously injured as a result of the earthquake and the ensuing tsunami.

We Japanese are united and doing our utmost to recover as quickly as possible from the extensive damage and loss of life caused by the earthquake and tsunami. Thanks to generous help and support from the international community, we have been making steady progress.

However, children are extremely vulnerable in such a disaster and they need support in many ways, as it is on their shoulders that the future of our society depends. Among other things, it is essential to support children whose parents/guardians have been most affected. CERN's donation is, therefore, very significant and appreciated. It is my sincere belief that besides our cooperative relationship in research activities, the bonds between CERN and KEK have become stronger through this generous action

Lastly, I would like to reassure you that we are reinforcing our efforts to ensure the speedy recovery of KEK aided by the serious commitment of the Japanese Government.

Let me reiterate our appreciation to you and your colleagues for the donation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Suzuki', written in a cursive style.

SUZUKI Atsuto
Director-General, KEK