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Prof. Dr. Jibaraj Pokharel, Vice-Chancellor Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)

Dear Prof. Dr. Jibaraj Pokharel,

We are deeply saddened to know that thousands of people lost their lives and suffered by the big earthquake attacked the area near the city of Kathmandu.

On behalf of all members of Science Council of Japan, I would like to convey my sincere condolences and sympathies to the Nepalese people.

We are still worried that aftershocks caused additional damages to the buildings and infrastructure of the affected areas. We really hope that such situation will not bring any further harm.

I am sure all kinds of efforts should be urgently done to save the lives and cure the injured. This will be followed by the recovery process, which may be challenging and enduring. We truly pray and hope that the people of your country will soon overcome the hardships and regain the normal with utmost courage, solidarity and resilience. We, SCJ, would like to work with you and your academy to do what sciences can do in this situation to challenge the large-scale natural disasters that are and will be threatening our safety and society.

With deepest sympathy,

Takashi Onishi President Science Council of Japan

CC: Professor Keisuke Hanaki, Vice-President in charge of International Activities of Science Council of Japan