

Dear friends and colleagues,

Please allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your continuing support of the Kyoto University North American Center. I write to inform you that I was appointed director of the center on November 1, 2020, and will manage its operations from Kyoto, Japan. I ask for your continuing support of the center as we develop its activities, and particularly as we face new challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that the North American Center has moved. The new address is as follows: 1623 28th St NW, Washington, DC 20007, USA

As there are no staff members permanently stationed in the center, we ask that you kindly contact us in advance via e-mail if you have any inquiries.

Further details of the center's activities can be found on its official website and Facebook page: https://www.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/overseas-centers/north-america/en/ https://www.facebook.com/KUNorthAmerica/

In closing, please allow me to convey my best wishes for your good health in midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic, and my hope that we may be able to resume our regular activities in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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