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INVITATION LETTER**To Whom It May Concern**

I am pleased to invite Dr. Yong-Xiang Li, School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, Nanjing University to visit Prof. Takashi Hasegawa of Kanazawa University, Japan from 28/May/2019 to 3/June/2019.

Both Dr. Li and Prof. Hasegawa were the scientists who participated International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Expedition 369 (Exp. 369) operated from September to November, 2017, and collaborators working on the samples collected during the expedition. Dr. Li will participate 2nd Post-Cruise Meeting (PCM) of IODP Exp. 369 in Kanazawa, that is hosted by Prof. Hasegawa.

This meeting will provide the opportunity to exchange their preliminary results from the expedition, and to improve further international collaborative studies about climatic record of greenhouse Earth during Cretaceous and Paleogene as well as Australian tectonic history during Early Cretaceous. Kanazawa University supports this meeting as a cosponsor through KU Sakigake Project.

The International Ocean Discovery Program is an international research program dedicated to drilling the ocean floor to better understand Earth's history. The program is funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), the Australia-New Zealand IODP Consortium (ANZIC), the Brazilian Coordination for Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), the European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD), the Indian Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), People's Republic of China Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), the Korea Institute of Geosciences and Mineral Resources (KIGAM), and Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Dr. Li will be provided travel fare (international and within Japan) and allowances for accommodation by his/her national supporting agency mentioned above.

Sincerely Yours,



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