



March 17, 2021

The Honorable Koichi Hagiuda
Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Minister Hagiuda,

On behalf of the International Committee for Future Accelerators (ICFA), I am writing to express our enthusiasm for your remarks concerning the International Linear Collider (ILC) in your recent testimony in the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives of the National Diet of Japan on February 25, 2021.

ICFA members include laboratory directors and high-level officials of the world's high-energy particle physics laboratories. In our recent meeting on March 11-12, 2021 we were made aware of your remarks on the ILC. We are pleased to hear that you are in favor of building this facility in Japan, that you fully understand the necessity of the facility, and that you indicated that such a facility can only be constructed with international partners who are prepared to commit resources to its realization. Indeed, your remarks highlight the urgency of engaging foreign government officials to work towards such a commitment.

ICFA looks forward to the MEXT minister inviting foreign government officials to discuss potential commitments toward realizing the ILC Project. We also note the keen willingness of potential foreign partners to begin engaging in such discussions, as evidenced by the offer of former U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Brouillette to begin engaging with the Government of Japan and other potential international partners to discuss resources, governance and preparatory activities towards the ILC project.

ICFA supports engagement at the governmental level to take ILC planning to this next, critical phase.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart D. Henderson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'S' and 'H'.

Stuart D. Henderson
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