Sept. 10, 2018

Dear Participants of PBAST-8

We are terribly sorry about the unfortunate incident, and hope that all of you were able to safely return home. We apologize that we could not reach you immediately and provide information due to the serious power failure. The largest power plant of Hokkaido located close to the epicenter of the earthquake was severely damaged. As it was supplying close to 50% of the electricity of Hokkaido, its emergency shutdown caused a severe blackout which is still continuing in some parts of Hokkaido.

We are also sorry that we had to cancel all the programs of Sept. 6.

We will inform you as soon as possible through the conference website about the measures regarding the cancellation of the excursion and conference dinner.

We thank you all for your contribution and cooperation to PBAST-8.

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee of PBAST-8