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Dear President Tatsuo and members of the Niigata University,

I would like to sincerely congratulate Niigata University on its 75th anniversary celebration on behalf of Middle East Technical University (METU/ODTU). This momentous occasion symbolizes not only the passing of time but also Niigata University's unwavering devotion to excellence in higher learning.

Niigata University has been a shining example of knowledge, creativity, and cultural enrichment in Japan and abroad for the past 75 years. Your steadfast commitment to research breakthroughs, community involvement, and academic excellence has had a significant influence on many people as well as society at large.

We are honored to have a fruitful working relationship with your prestigious university in the context of research partnerships, Exchange, and Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility programs. We hosted a number of your accomplished students, faculty, staff, and delegations at METU in past academic years. This helped our university become more globally connected and paved the way for future research projects in a variety of fields as well as mutual studies.

Additionally, the internationalization strategy and academic strengths of METU and Niigata University coincide in various aspects with respect to the academic fields of Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Education and Faculty of Humanities. Furthermore, METU's Master's Programs on Asian Studies and Area Studies allow METU students, staff and researchers to focus on various aspects of South-East Asia and Japan and teaching staff and graduate students of those programs are looking forward to study more on the region.

As our mission indicates, METU strives to maintain the quality as an international research university; therefore, METU regards worldwide partners as indispensable part of international collaboration and research agenda. In that sense, we highly appreciate our collaboration with Niigata University that achieved a phenomenal success with its wide range of high caliber academic programs and scientific breakthroughs which is also confirmed by the University's rankings in several global ranking systems.

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As you reflect on this remarkable journey, filled with achievements, challenges, and growth, we commend Niigata University for its continuous pursuit of excellence and its role as a catalyst for positive change in the education landscape. May this anniversary celebration serve as a source of inspiration, pride, and happiness for all those connected to Niigata University, including stakeholders, staff, faculty, students, and alumni.

We look forward to witnessing the continued success and contributions of Niigata University in shaping the future of education and society.

Before I conclude my letter, allow me to congratulate your 75th anniversary once again.

Warm regards,


Prof. Dr. Mustafa Versan Kök
President

