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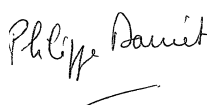
Dear President,

I would like to thank you most sincerely for inviting me to join in the celebration of Niigata University's 75th anniversary. Our institute of vine and wine sciences, which is attached to the University of Bordeaux, is very pleased with the collaborations that have been established with your university, which have resulted in student exchanges and the Wine and Sake Summer School organized by Pr Patrick Lucas. We're delighted to welcome Pr Dai Hirata each time and interact with him as well as with Pr Kuni Sueyoshi, Director of the Sakeology Center.

However, your invitation comes at a busy time for us, just as the *Office International de la Vigne et du Vin* international congress which is about to celebrate its 100th anniversary, a congress in which myself and Pr Pierre Louis Teissedre, Director of International Relations at the Institut des Sciences de la Vigne et du Vin, must take part.

We wish you a good success, and hope that the collaborative projects recently discussed with Pr Hirata will be set up between our university in Bordeaux and Niigata University. We shall send a congratulatory video.

Kind regards



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