Dear Presenters at Japan TRIZ Symposium 2009

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Thank you very much for your contributing a paper to our coming Fifth TRIZ Symposium in Japan, 2009.

As we have announced already, this year we have accepted (besides the 3 invited presentations) 41 contributed papers including 28 from Japan and 13 from overseas.

We have set up the **Advanced Agenda of the Symposium**, and have just posted it on our Web sites (Official Site of Japan TRIZ Society, and Official Page of Japan TRIZ CB, inside "TRIZ Home Page in Japan") both in Japanese and in English, and sent email announcements to several hundreds of TRIZ people in Japan and in the World, for the purpose of starting the call for participation.

Please forgive us for the delay in our announcement and in sending you our personal notice on your presentation. Below in this note, we describe our message to all of you as Presenters at our Symposium.

(1) We have reviewed the Extended Abstract of every submitted contribution with respect to its scope and quality, and have decided to accept all (except one) of them for the presentation at the Symposium. We are very grateful to all the Authors for contributing such nice works to our Symposium.

(2) We are trying hard to make such a large number of papers presented and discussed thoroughly in the Symposium. As a final solution, we have decided to arrange all the contributed **Oral presentations** in double tracks while the contributed **Poster presentations** in 2 Poster sessions, where nearly 10 presentations are given in parallel with the time slot of 100 minutes including the introduction and the presentation sub-sessions. Concerning the assignment of either Oral or Poster presentation, we have respected the authors' preferences; nevertheless, a few presentations had to be assigned differently. Regarding the assignment of Oral/Poster sessions and of the time slot, we should appreciate it very much if you would kindly understand the overall situations.

Please see the **Advanced Agenda** (in the attached file and also posted in the Web) for more detail.

If you have any specific inconvenience in the arrangement, please write to us via email.

(3) You are now requested to provide us with the **Final Manuscripts** for your presentation by the **due date of July 27, 2009 (Mon) 18:00 JST**. Only about one-and-half months ahead from now in your busy schedule, and you may need to get approval of your company, etc. We should appreciate your cooperation very much.

(4) The items requested for the Final Manuscripts are much **different between Oral and Poster presentations**. Please check the items requested/optional to submit, the formats to be

used, max number of slides/pages, etc. in the separate detailed note attached to the present message. The 'Instructions for Submitting the Final Manuscripts' are essentially the same as the description in our 'Call for Papers' (Feb. 2009), and hence the former is written as minor revisions and insertions of the latter. It is posted in the Web, and also attached here for making things sure.

(5) **Overcoming the language barrier** between our Japanese and your English languages is crucial for the success of this Symposium. In (almost) all the Oral presentations, slides are projected both in English and in Japanese in parallel. For this purpose, we are going to translate your English slides into Japanese; this is done by the Organizing team. You will also see slides in English in the sessions of Japanese speakers. This translation into English is a really hard work for the authors and also for the Organizing team for supporting them.

In this regard, your cooperation of submitting your Final Manuscripts **earlier and no later than the due date** is highly appreciated.

(6) We have **two Official Web sites**; (A) Japan TRIZ Society and (B) Japan TRIZ CB (located inside "TRIZ Home Page in Japan"). Web site (A) is new and still weak especially in its English pages. So, for the overseas presenters and participants, the Web site (B) is recommended; this site is updated by Toru Nakagawa under his direct control.

(7) One of the unique features of the coming Symposium is the setting of time slots for "Free & Group Discussions", 5 times in the mornings and evenings having 7 hours in total. This setting comes from the somewhat unfortunate fact that the venue is rather far from Tokyo, i.e., about 2 hours trip from Tokyo Station by train. Thus, for the convenience of a number of people living in the Tokyo metropolitan area, the main part of the Agenda starts at 10:00 and finishes at 18:00, leaving free time in the morning and in the evening for the people staying at the venue. We wish you to use these time slots for "Free and Group Discussions" in effective ways. Could you please suggest some topics and styles for the "Free and Group Discussions"? Japanese participants would like to talk with you, in order to learn TRIZ history, to discuss new ways of applying TRIZ, to share experiences of promoting TRIZ, to make good personal relationships, etc. What do you want to talk with Japanese and overseas TRIZ people?

(8) As you see in the **Advanced Agenda** and in the **Abstracts**, we believe that we are going to have very rich contents of presentations and many active TRIZ people like you. We are trying hard to get as many participants as possible despite the current severe economic situations.

We all are excited to make the forthcoming TRIZ Symposium active and fruitful for all the presenters and participants by getting your presentations and by receiving many participants. We heartily welcome you and your colleagues/friends in the Symposium.

Best wishes,

Toru and Yoshihisa