**Welcome Message from the Co-Presidents**

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It is our great honor to invite you to ICSES 2013, which will take place in Nagoya from April 10 to 12, 2013. We would like to inform you that due to anti-earthquake reinforcement work being implemented at the Kyoto International Conference Center in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11 last year, we have had to change the venue for ICSES 2013 from Kyoto to Nagoya. In addition, the schedule has been changed to April 2013. Despite the tremendous scale and magnitude of the earthquake and tsunami disaster, we are extremely proud and pleased to be able to have this great opportunity to hold ICSES here in Japan. We sincerely look forward to welcoming as many participants as possible from all over the world.

**Congress Outline**

Date: April 10 (Wed) - 12 (Fri), 2013  
Venue: Nagoya Congress Center  
1-1 Atsuta-nishimachi, Atsuta-ku, Nagoya 456-0036 Japan  
TEL: +81-52-683-7711  
URL: http://www.nagoya-congress-center.jp/english/  

Theme: From Lab Bench to Bedside: Making Basic Science Clinically Relevant

**Nagoya**

Nagoya is a fascinating city, in both historical and modern aspects. Back in the 16th century three Samurai heroes - Nobunaga Oda, Hideyoshi Toyotomi and Ieyasu Tokugawa were all born in or around Nagoya. At present, the city enjoys prosperity as the center of various industries, well-known as the home of Toyota, with a population of 2.2 million, making it the fourth-largest city in Japan.

Nagoya is situated in central Japan and is easily accessed from other major cities. By bullet train (Shinkansen Nozomi) travel time to Tokyo is approximately 100 minutes, and Osaka or Kyoto can be reached within an hour.

**Access to Nagoya**

Japan Travel Updates after the 3.11 earthquake