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Dear Prof. Yosihiko Ogata:

It is my great pleasure to invite you to visit our School from 12th September (Sunday) to 11th October (Monday), 2010 to give lectures on Statistical Seismology for graduated students.

You know the huge earthquake occurred in Sichuan in May, 2008 killed about 80,000 people. It's an urgent work to investigate the seismogenesis of this terrible shock and to predict its influence to the earthquake hazard of the neighbor tectonic regimes. It is an important work to develop and test methodologies that allow for a real-time assessment of time-dependent hazard after a major earthquake. Aftershock hazard assessment in real-time is critical for emergency planners in the immediate aftermath of a destructive earthquake. You have done very excellent works in this area. So, your visiting can also help us make some progress on the scientific issues listed above.

This invitation has been agreed with the director of my school. Your international travel and local accommodation will be fully covered by Peking University.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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