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To the Esteemed Members of Sasquan Committee

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to extend my full support for Japan's bid to host The World Science Fiction Convention 2017.

The proposed host city is Shizuoka. Shizuoka City has a variety of attractions making it a logical choice to host science fiction enthusiasts from around the world. Located just a brief train ride from the bustling modern metropolis of Tokyo, Shizuoka boasts historical attractions harking back to its days as an important stopping point along the ancient Tokaido Road. Not only will your delegates experience the spirit of Japan in the home of Mt. Fuji, but they can also enjoy the essence of Japanese sci-fi and fantasy culture by visiting the Bandai Hobby Center and Tamiya Headquarters.

In addition, its transportation links make Shizuoka the perfect place for travelers to visit. Delegates can experience the world-renowned punctuality of the *shinkansen* bullet trains that will take them from Tokyo to Shizuoka, and—for those interested in extending their visit—beyond.

I am confident that you will appreciate Japan's attention to detail and accessibility, our dedication to service, our exemplary public safety, and, most of all, our renowned friendliness and hospitality.

As Executive Director of the Japan National Tourism Organization, I am convinced that holding The World Science Fiction Convention 2017 in Japan would ensure a memorable and exciting experience for your delegates. Godzilla chose Shizuoka, and we hope you will too. I look forward to the privilege of welcoming you to Japan in 2017.

Yours very sincerely,

Akira Ninagawa

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