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On behalf of all the members of the Society of Heating, Air-Conditioning and Sanitary Engineers of Japan, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to SAREK on the 50th anniversary of its establishment.

SAREK and our society, SHASE, signed an agreement in 1992 and again in 2005 at the annual meeting of SHASE in Sapporo, Japan, to confirm the cooperative relationship between our two societies and to promote academic exchange. I believe that this relationship over the years has not only been important for our mutual academic pursuits, but also important in helping to foster mutual understanding and peace in our region of the world.

Currently, the world is suffering from the spread of COVID-19, and this pandemic has placed particular importance on the development and the use of new technologies for air conditioning systems in buildings. This has become indispensable for creating safer air quality and thermal environments. Beyond the current needs magnified in this pandemic, the development of technologies to save energy and to reduce CO₂ emissions are desired as a part of the measures against global warming and the climate emergency facing the world.

I believe that our mutual cooperation is imperative to realize safe and comfortable building environments and to develop air conditioning technologies that are friendly to the global environment. I hope that the academic exchange between our two societies will be more and more active in the future. Once again, congratulations to all of you, and I sincerely hope that we will all be able to meet again, face-to-face, in the very near future!

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