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Dear Andrej,

Thank you very much for your warmest message in celebration of my retirement from Kyushu University. I am sorry that I have not acknowledged your letter so long. Please accept my belated thankfulness.

I think we met first at Clark's laboratory in 1992. Then, in 1994, you visited us at Fukuoka, gave us one-hour lecture, and then took the train back to Kanazawa. A very short stay! I still remember vividly your thoughtful analyses on bi-phasic properties of LPS-induced fever and pleasant discussion. I have also been very much impressed by your outstanding works, which were published in prestigious journals and proceedings.

As of March 31, 2000, I retired from the position, as is mandatory at the age of 63. I think myself extremely fortunate to have lived and participated in the most rapidly expanding and exciting era of thermal physiology and physiology of neuroimmunomodulation, and to have shared the excitement with many friends from all over the world. Thanks to many teachers, friends and young co-workers who inspired and supported me, I am happy to say that I have enjoyed sciences for almost 40 years and have arrived at the stage for new greater challenges.

This retirement has released me from numerous administrative duties. But, at present, I cannot relax and enjoy an easy life of retirement. I still have

some works to be finished within this year, and more works are coming. Furthermore, I have been involved in a group research project that is supported by the Science and Technology Agency for five more years. It seems to be difficult for scientists to retire suddenly from their community.

I will enjoy such a way to disappear slowly, as “the Cheshire Cat vanished quite slowly, beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin which remained some time after the rest of it had gone (Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” (From “ Law of Retirement ” by C.N. Parkinson).

I do hope you and your family great happiness and we shall meet again.

With my best personal wishes,
Sincerely



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P.S. I am enclosing a copy of bulletin of our department which young colleagues edited on this occasion. We are grateful to you for permission to reproduce your letter. I am sorry that most parts of this booklet are printed in Japanese. Nevertheless, I do hope you to understand that my colleagues and I have enjoyed biological sciences.