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Dear Mamoru:

The IVS Directing Board thanks you for your very important contribution to the International Terrestrial Reference Frame 2020 (ITRF2020). The ITRF is a global reference which serves as the basis for many areas in surveying, land management, and geophysics. A global reference frame allows you to connect observations which are separated in space and/or time. The ITRF is crucial to monitoring such things as sea-level rise, land subsidence, and climate change.

The ITRF is a combined product with inputs from DORIS, GNSS, SLR, and VLBI. The IVS contribution to ITRF2020 is a major effort of the entire IVS community. This includes past and present station personnel who are responsible for taking the data, correlator personnel who correlated the data, analysts who did the initial data processing, and the many scientists responsible for the current submission.

As a result of your hard work and contribution, the ITRF2020 has now become reality. As recognition of that, the IVS is pleased to present you a certificate, honoring your role in this very auspicious occasion. We thank the *NICT Koganei VLBI Station* for your part in this effort and hope that you will display the accompanying certificate in a prominent location.

With best regards,

IVS Directing Board

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from the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry

in recognition of contribution to the

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2020**



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Rüdiger Haas, IVS Directing Board Chair

On behalf of the IVS Directing Board

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