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Dear Mr. Gross,

UNESCO Bangkok has appreciated its close association with you in implementing the principle of sustainability in education as the goals of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005 -2014 (DESD) have been clearly met by your focus on international cooperation.

UNESCO Bangkok, task manager for DESD in the Asia-Pacific region, has enjoyed this cooperation since the conference in Hiroshima (2006), led by you and your Japanese counterpart Prof. Dr. Shuichi Nakayama - *German-Japanese Cooperation: DESD-Project*.

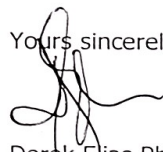
Ideas, strategies, and hands-on materials for ESD have been successfully exchanged and served the mutual benefit of all participants and has stressed and proved the importance of international cooperation within the Decade (ESD Curriculum Development, A Report from German-Japanese Cooperation: ESD Curriculum Development Project – in support of The German Year in Japan 2006-06, ACCU, March 2006). Indeed, it was on this basis that we invited you are a Keynote Speaker at the 10th APEID Conference *Learning Together for Tomorrow: Education for Sustainable Development*.

Therefore we regard the German-Japanese Cooperation in respect to ESD as an important step for implementing this way of thinking in education, which is essential for the responsible and sustainable behaviour of the young generation in the future. The conference report documents in detail the fundamental ideas and concepts of the international cooperation <http://www.desd.sustainable-future.org/DESD.htm>.

UNESCO encourages all institutions, cooperating internationally and striving for a sustainable future, to support such cooperation and JDZB might be a suitable partner for realizing this at the national level.

I wish you every success through such cooperation which I hope will both continue and intensify.

Yours sincerely



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