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Letter of Intention to Collaborate with iCARE

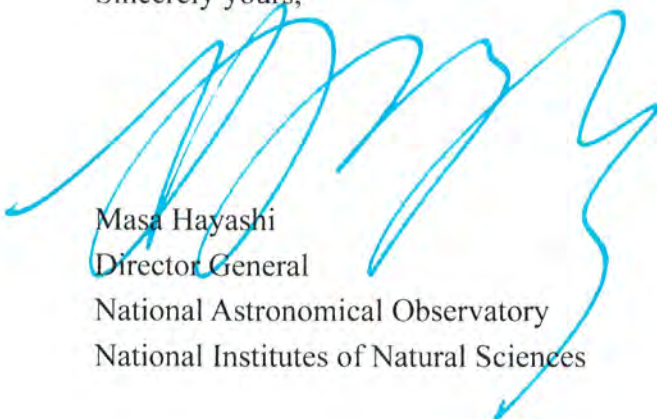
Dear Professor Chen,

I have recently received the information that astronomers at the National Central University and National Tsing Hua University have a plan to jointly establish the International Center for Astronomical Research (iCARE) to focus on multi-messenger time-domain astronomy.

This is to state the intention of my colleagues and myself at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan to collaborate with iCARE. We will combine scientific expertise of our institution and yours on, but not limited to, studies of multi-messenger time-domain cosmic phenomena. A binding agreement on any specific project will be negotiated as the occasion arises.

I expect this to be a scientifically rewarding collaboration and am looking forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely yours,



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