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RE: Evaluation of Mr. Yuki Nakano

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of the letter is to evaluate Mr. Nakano's performance during his scholarly visit to the Center of Risk and Reliability, University of Maryland at College Park during September 2017 to December 2017. During this period, Mr. Nakano met with me regularly and closely worked with my students. He started a project on evaluating Japanese multi-unit nuclear plant risk-significant events that were reported so as to estimate their frequencies. He followed a similar pattern of analysis that we had performed in the past for the U.S. plants. As part of his research he also developed a paper and submitted for presentation to the 14th Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management (PSAM 14) conference to be held in UCLA in September 2018. Overall, I found Mr. Nakano hardworking and resourceful. He made close connections with my students and make me extremely impressed with his abilities to quickly learn and independently perform research. He made an excellent progress during his stay and was a valuable member of my research group. I expect that he will continue to have a productive PhD research and career.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Sincerely yours,

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