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Prof. SATO Mamoru  
The Chair  
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Dear Prof. SATO Mamoru,

I am writing this to update the status of operation budget at KEK in Japanese fiscal year 2015, which you expressed strong concern to. First of all, we thank you very much for your concern and for sending letters to us and MEXT.

All the letters have been translated into Japanese and forwarded to Ministry of Finance as well as MEXT. Thanks to the letters, MEXT now fully understands the situation and expressed its intention to increase the budget in the next JFY. However, MEXT has not shown the budget for each project yet. We still need to continue negotiation with MEXT for the substantial increase.

Also, we have another remaining job to recover the accelerator operation budget for this JFY. We extremely reckon on the supplement budget this year.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Suzuki', written in a cursive style.

Atsuto Suzuki  
Director General of KEK,  
High Energy Accelerator Research Organization