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THE NINTH CONGRESS OF THE ASIA AND OCEANIA THYROID ASSOCIATION (AOTA)

To: Undersecretaries
 Assistant Secretaries
 Bureau Directors
 Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
 Regional Directors
 Schools Division/City Superintendents
 Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

- 1. The Japan Thyroid Association (JTA) is hosting the Ninth Congress of the Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA) in Nagoya, Japan on November 2-4, 2008, with greater emphasis on scientific communications.
- 2. This year's AOTA Congress is taking place only after one year, a break from the usual five-year interval between such conferences due to the decision of AOTA council members during the Eighth Congress in Manila in 2007 for more frequent gatherings among member associations.
- 3. The Congress opens on November 2 with a joint meeting of the AOTA and JTA, which marks its 52^{nd} Annual Meeting this year, and ends on November 4 with the Shizume Lecture, the international Symposium on Molecular Thyroidology, and the General Assembly meeting.
- 4. In view of the medical and technical benefits to be gained from this conference, regional directors and schools superintendents are hereby encouraged to allow their medical officers to attend this gathering. The participants from private schools shall make the necessary arrangements with their respective schools/institutions.
- 5. Inquiries with regard to registration fees and accommodations, among others, may be communicated to The Secretariat at Congress Corporation, Sakae-Daiichiseimei Bldg. 2-13, Shinsakaemachi, Naka-ku, Nagoya 460-0004, Japan, tel. no. +81-52950-3369; fax no. +81-52-950-3370 or e-mail address: acta@congre.co.jp.
- 6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

VILMA L. LABRADOR Undersecretary Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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Sally: 9^{th} congress of asia and oceania thyroid September 25, 2008