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To Prof. Gustavo C. Branco

Dear Gustavo,

I introduce to you Dr. Hiroyuki Ishida, who is writing to you explore the opportunity for doing postdoctoral research in your group.

He was a student in our particle physics group at Niigata University, and obtained Doctor of Science degree in March 2012. He is one of active young Japanese research fellows. He is now working as a postdoctoral research fellow at Maskawa Institute in Kyoto.

During his graduate course, he has been well-trained in our particle theory group and working very hard by Prof. Asaka, who made Dr. Ishida a highly motivated young physicist. He has already published 5 papers on the subjects related to neutrinos and the baryon asymmetry. He is now working on neutrino models with young theorists at the Maskawa Institute.

Dr. Ishida gave several talks on the results at international conferences. Contrary to most of graduate students in Japan, he has already had chances to be exposed to the international community. Actually, he stayed and worked at the Max Planck Institute at Heidelberg three months in 2011.

His research interests are around the origins of neutrino masses and the baryon asymmetry of the universe. In particular, he has been working on models with right-handed neutrinos with masses lighter than pions. The models may be detected in the near future. I observe that Prof. Asaka is a demanding supervisor while working on projects. Dr. Ishida has responded to it by his enthusiasm for physics and hard works, which lead them to productive collaborations. I also have observed his ability of sharing ideas and in collaborative works.

I hope that you can offer him a chance to work in your group.

I shall be happy to answer any inquiries about Dr. Hiroyuki Ishida.

Sincerely yours,