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Dear Mr. Yamane--and the Executive Committee;

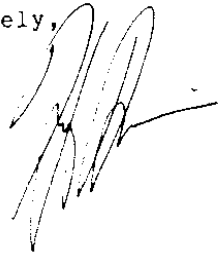
I was most pleased to get your letter today. I have long wanted to visit Japan; to come as Official Foreign Guest of DAICON5 is indeed a great honor. I accept with gratitude. Your conditions, as laid out in your letter of 26th May, are perfectly in order.

1. Travel and room in Japan, for myself and wife to be the responsibility of DAICON5. We will take care of our own meals, other than official ones.
2. I look forward to participating in DAICON5. Use me on the program in any way that you wish.
3. It is my pleasure to be "Official Foreign Guest".
4. We will be in Tokyo on 22nd August. We hope to come a few days earlier, but I will pay the extra expenses for the hotel for these days myself.

We will be leaving here around the middle of July. If there are any queries or questions let me know before then.

Otherwise I look forward to meeting you all in Oosaka.

Sincerely,



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June 4, 1986

Dear Mr. Yamane:

My thanks to you and your colleagues for your letter of May 7, and your invitation to come to DAICON 5. I'm sorry there has been a delay in my replying, but I needed some time to check certain other schedules and commitments. I'm sure you understand. (Although I have to say, you did leave things a little late yourselves before writing.)

Anyhow, yes, I find that this year I am able to attend, and I would be delighted to do so. It will be a most welcome opportunity to repay some of the enthusiasm and appreciation for my work that I have received from Japanese readers, and I consider it an honor to be invited as your first Official Foreign Guest.

May I ask an additional favor? I will be traveling with a friend by the name of Toren Smith. We have co-authored some work together, but his main field is cartoon animation, and he will be moving to Tokyo to come and work in your country. Also, he speaks some Japanese and his assistance will be invaluable in helping me be less of a nuisance to you. Could Toren also be given a membership to the convention, please?

At present we expect to depart from the U.S. on Monday August 18, which means arriving on Tuesday 19. Of course, as soon as I have firm flight details, I will let you know.

In the meantime, thank you once again for your hospitality. I look forward to meeting everyone, and am sure we will all have a wonderful time.

Most sincerely,



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