

Dear Yury.

Happy 70 years old birthday! It has been an exciting journey working with you from the E949 rare kaon decay experiment at BNL, a KOPIO proposal at BNL, very successful T2K long baseline neutrino project, and the new HyperK project. You are always an excellent collaborator specialized in the photodetector. I was impressed by your contribution to the CsI calorimeter of the KEK T-violation experiment at KEK and was happy when the chance came to collaborate with you. Since then, we are collaborators on kaon to neutrino projects. Development of the SiPM technology, which originated in Russia, was one of the exciting moment. The Russian version was not used in the end, but your work with the company in Russia was important in building up the confidence in the collaboration and put the pressure on Hamamatsu. New technology for extruded scintillator with chemical whitening was used successfully for side-MRD and lately you have developed an innovative super-FGD block design. There were challenging time in funding, but you were always optimistic and very reliable collaborator. Congratulations for your anniversary. I count on you and look forward to continue working with you in the coming years.

Cheers,
Akira

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