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Dear Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Blume

Time flies so fast. It has already passed almost a month since I enjoyed the IUSS conference in Kiel. I was very inspired with some active discussion in the conference and was impressed a lot with a beautiful podzol profiles and land use and landscape of the coastal lowland in Northern Germany in the excursion guided by Prof. Horn. I must say, however, that I was most excited when I met you again at the conference. As I told you, I have seen you at the ICSS in Kyoto, Japan, in 1990 together with Professors Schwertmann, Hartge, and Schlichting. I must have met Prof. Horn there, but I do not remember him. I am ashamed of myself.

I was so pleased to learn that you are very fine and have been dedicating yourself for promoting public awareness of soil and soil science with distributing soils beautiful stamps. I really thank you for your effort and I am sure the stamps that I got this time from you shall be with me together till the end of my life.

Enclosed, please find some pictures that I took together with you during the conference. Those are my precious treasures and thus I would like to share them with you. I do hope you keep well till we see you again somewhere in the world.

·Sincerely yours,

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