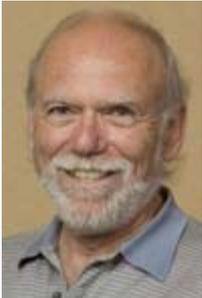


Director's Corner

17 March 2011



Barry Barish

To our Japanese colleagues:

On behalf of the Global Design Effort for the International Linear Collider, I would like to convey our deepest care and sympathy to the citizens of Japan and to our physics colleagues and collaborators for the tragedy that your country has suffered as a result of the earthquake and tsunami last week. We are saddened by the loss of lives and the extent of the devastation. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by this tragic event.

Along with our condolences for the loss of life and property, we share your concerns over the impact on your scientific community and facilities. We hope that our fellow scientists and their families are safe.

We join the worldwide particle physics communities in extending our sympathies to the Japanese people and to the Japanese scientific community. Please know that our thoughts are with you during this trying time.

-- Barry Barish