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Dear Professor Phakeng,

On behalf of my colleagues and students at the University of Tokyo, I would like to express my heartfelt sympathies to the community at the University of Cape Town affected by the devastating fire. As we read more from the updates and your messages posted on the UCT website, we are deeply saddened to learn about the scale of destruction.

I am convinced that the perseverance of the University of Cape Town shown in coping with this difficult situation will soon turn into the strength to rebuild your beautiful campus. Professor Toope has informed the IARU Presidents that the IARU Librarians Contact Group are currently communicating with their colleagues in your university library to offer support. Please let me know if there is anything we could be of help.

The thoughts and support of the whole university are with the University of Cape Town at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



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