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Dear Ms. Albrito,

I would like to inform you that the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers (TCCE), the World Council of Civil Engineers (WCCE) and the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) are jointly organizing a conference on the civil engineering disaster mitigation activities concerning earthquake and tsunami to be held in İstanbul, Turkey between 22-24 June 2009.

International organizations interested in various aspects of the seismic risk reduction problem are invited to participate in the above mentioned TCCE-WCCE-ECCE Joint Conference. The objective of the Joint Conference is to contribute to the mitigation of losses in earthquakes and tsunamis through improved civil engineering practices. The emphasis of the conference will be on the Millenium Development Goals, through seismically safe schools, hospitals, housing sites or more generally seismically safe and sustainable built environment.

The Conference themes will include the following:

- Lessons learned from recent earthquakes and tsunamis
- Disaster mitigation vis-a-vis the Millenium Development Goals
- Seismic design considerations and codes
- Seismic risk assessment and retrofitting of existing structures
- Earthquake & tsunami modelling

More detailed information on the Joint Conference is available at the following web site: "<http://www.imo.org.tr/eqt2009>".

Best regards,

  
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