

# International Mathematical Union



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To: The Adhering Organizations of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary

## Fraud alert

Dear colleagues,

This is a warning about an ongoing fraud attempt. Someone has created a false email address in the name of IMU President Shigefumi Mori and sent emails to several of the IMU member countries.

Here is an example:

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*On 1/15/17, Prof. Shigefumi Mori <[mori.kurims.kyoto.u.ac.jp@gmail.com](mailto:mori.kurims.kyoto.u.ac.jp@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello Prof. Nalini. How are you? Our friend Anders Navas Flores and IMU member from Chile are on the way now to Sydney to attend His sister funeral. As far as I know, they are on the way to Australia and they have some problem in the Philippine airport. Kindly call them at 0011639770882133 or +639770882133 and please help them in any possible way and I will call you as soon as possible. At this time, its midnight here in London and I have a flight to catch later this morning back to Japan... I will call you as soon I will arrive in my office. Thank you very much in advance and God Bless.*

*In Prayers,  
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This is a fraud. Do not respond to this.

We apologize for this, and will investigate it further.

Please let us know if you have been contacted similarly, as we would like to see the extent of this attempted fraud.

Regards

Helge Holden  
Secretary of the International Mathematical Union