The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to request clearance for Dr. Peter Worcester to conduct marine scientific research in areas subject to the jurisdiction of Japan during the period March 31, 2009 to May 15, 2009 from R/V Melville. Attached please find a revised application with Diplomatic Note No. 652 dated September 18, 2008.

Japan is encouraged to nominate an official participant, however the participant's name and contact information should be provided at least one month prior to the start of the research program so that appropriate logistics can be assured.

Upon conclusion of the approved research program, all data will be transmitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Additional copies of the data and final reports will be provided at no cost upon request.

A detailed description of the research and a chart showing the area of interest are included in this request. Should any element of this research application change due to unforeseen circumstances, we will provide notice as soon as such changes are identified.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
December 15, 2008