Welcome to

7th Int’l Planetary School
and

Kobe University

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In order to make the school fruitful, valuable, and successful, ... interaction between students and lecturers is required in addition to the excellent lectures.

I will expect active interaction!
Enjoy
the school
and
your stay in Kobe!
Brief introduction to Center for Planetary Science (CPS) @ Kobe University

founded in April 2007
Mission of CPS:

to provide a place or opportunities
to promote
research and education activities
in Planetary Sciences
such as workshops, symposiums,
conferences, and schools like this PS
beyond frame of univs.
“Beyond frame of Univs” is essential to CPS.

CPS is fighting against many kinds of frames binding univs, narrow-minded nationalism between univs, conservative thoughts of scientists, etc.
CPS aims to be an institute like

Newton Inst. (Cambridge, UK),

Int’l Space Sci. Inst. (Bern, Swiss),

Kavli ITP (UCSB, USA)

or ...
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* COE: Center of Excellence

CPS is now looking for a source of funds for 2014 on. If you know rich persons, let me know, please!

End of Introduction to CPS
Happy New Year 2011!
and
Enjoy the planetary school!