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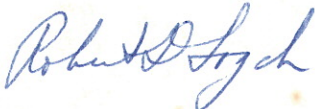
Mr. Kazunobu Minami  
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Dear Mr. Minami,

It is my distinct pleasure to inform you that you are a recipient of the Tucker-Voss Award. Established in 1954 to honor the first two department heads of the Department of Building Engineering and Construction, it honors annually one or more students who show particular promise in the field of building construction. You are one of three recipients for this year.

I would also like to invite you to an awards luncheon on May 19th at Noon at the MIT Faculty Club. An award will be presented to you at that time. Please let me know if you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Logcher  
Professor of Civil Engineering

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## TUCKER-VOSS AWARD

The Tucker-Voss Award was established in memory of Professor Ross F. Tucker and Professor Walter C. Voss, who were the first two heads of the Department of Building Construction, which later became the Department of Building Engineering and Construction, Course XVII. In 1954, at the time that Professor Walter C. Voss retired as Head of the Department, a fund was established by the Alumni of Course XVII, the income of which was to be used to provide one or more awards in the amount of \$200 to a student who showed particular promise in the field of building construction. The Award was not limited to any one department, nor to an undergraduate or graduate, nor to a student who was obtaining a degree at the time of the award. The criterion was simply that of promise for the future in the general field of building construction.

Professor Ross F. Tucker was a graduate of M.I.T. in the 1890's. Upon graduation, he was one of the co-founders of the Aberthaw Construction Company of Boston, but then moved on to New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia and elsewhere, where he established himself as a builder and later joined the staff of the Thomas-Starrett Company of New York. When the Department of Building Construction was formed in 1926, he became the first Head and organized the work. As the Department grew, it was necessary to add more staff, and Professor Walter C. Voss, a graduate in architecture at the University of Illinois, then Head of the work in building at Wentworth Institute, joined the staff of building construction. Professor Voss had considerable experience in concrete construction, had been a staff member of the Portland Cement Association, and had been author and co-author of a series of books on architectural construction and engineering design. When Professor Tucker died in 1939, Professor Voss took over as Head of the Department and expanded the work until it was merged with the Department of Civil Engineering in the 1950's, at the time of Professor Voss' retirement. It was at this time, that the Tucker-Voss Award was established.