

OPENING ADDRESS

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I regard it a great honor to have been asked to deliver the opening address of the present International Conference on the Nuclear Data for Science and Technology. First of all, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to all of you.

I understand that many Conference on the Nuclear Data have been held in Europe, USA and USSR, since 1960's, and have devoted themselves to the exchange of Scientific and technological knowledge not only in the Nuclear Data field pertaining the Nuclear Energy but also in many other fields such as biomedical and industrial application. This Conference continues its predecessors which have been successfully held at Harwell, Knoxville, Antwerp and Santa Fe. Hence, it is a great honor for us here to be able to convene this internationally recognized assembly. In particular, we are very happy that our country has been chosen to host this Conference for the first time in the Asian-Pacific area.

As soon as it was proposed at the NEANDC and INDC meetings in 1984 that Japan should host the 1988 Conference, we investigated possibility of holding it in our country. In the discussion about Conference topics, an emphasis was laid on the application of the Nuclear Data to various new fields, such as biomedical and industrial areas, as well as on the traditional and important fields pertaining peaceful use of nuclear energy. Including these, ten main subjects of the Conference were fixed. In 1986, we decided to accept the NEANDC and INDC proposal, and formed the Organizing Committee which has worked diligently to make the present Conference a success. We organized also the International and Local Program Committees to collect papers as widely as possible and make an attractive program not only for the professional scientists but also for students.

In this Conference, 80 papers for oral presentation, 166 papers for poster and 35 invited papers are going to be presented. As a matter of fact, we had received 350 applications from people desiring to attend this Conference and more than 300 of them expressed the desire to read papers, at the dead-line of the preliminary registration. In view of the scheduled time allowed for presentation of papers, however, we were forced to limit the number of papers to these mentioned now. This selection was indeed a painful task, but one which the time limitation made necessary. Nevertheless, 280 papers are not small at all. I sincerely hope that, concerning these papers, all here present will feel to express their ideas and exchange opinions, so as to make this Conference fruitful.

Before closing my address, I would like to express my gratitude to Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation, The Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan, The Japan Electrical Manufacturers' Association and Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc, for their support, and also to Science and Technology Agency, OECD/ Nuclear Energy Agency, International Atomic Energy Agency, Atomic Energy Society of Japan and Physical Society of Japan for their cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.