

CLOSING SESSION

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ADDRESS BY:

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am most fortunate to have such a good opportunity to state an address at the closing session of the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering. We are very glad to be able to welcome you to Kyoto. It is also our great pleasure to meet such a great many people of you participating in this conference from abroad.

The city of Kyoto whose population is about one million and three hundred thousand, is the fourth largest city in this country, and is located at three hundred and twenty miles west of Tokyo. Since Kyoto was the capital of Japan for more than ten centuries, from 794 to 1868, it is famous as a historic city. The city today, however, is considerably modernized as you might see. I presume that you may be satisfied with these fine views of this city surrounded by many beautiful mountains. For a few days after this closing session, we hope that you may visit and enjoy many noted places and historic spots in Kyoto.

By the way, it was remarkably significant that many programs, at Tokyo, including the presentation of hundred and forty excellent papers had been carried out very successfully for this one week.

On the other hand, we are about to have two special lectures in this session, then I would like to introduce them briefly. As you may know, one of them is "Design of Nuclear Power Reactors against Earthquakes" by Prof. George W. Housner, and the other is "Earthquake Resistance of Traditional Japanese Wooden Structures" by Prof. Ryo Tanabashi. These two authorities are very famous in the field of our engineering seismology.

We would like to have the first lecture "Design of Nuclear Power Reactors against Earthquakes" by Prof. Housner. Prof. Housner was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1933 and is now Prof. of Civil Engineering at California Institute of Technology, California and also is President of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, California, U.S.A. It is needless to say that he is the greatest researcher in the field of Engineering Seismology because of his seismic spectrum analysis and its application to the earthquake resistant design of structures.

Now, we would like to have the second lecture "Earthquake Resistance of Traditional Japanese Wooden Structures" by Prof. Tanabashi.