

Prof. Tanabashi was graduated from Kyoto University in 1929, and he is now Prof. of Structural Engineering at Kyoto University and also is the Director of the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University. About twenty-five years ago, he had already pointed out that the velocity of the ground motion should be considered as the measure of destructiveness of the earthquake acted on structures.

We will have an intermission for thirty minutes. The business meeting will be opened at eleven.

Thank you.

ADDRESS BY:

Professor Kiyoshi Muto, Chairman, Organizing Committee for 2WCEE

Ladies and Gentlemen:

For the past week we have heard, on the one hand, interesting reports on recent works done in the research in earthquake engineering and have exchanged ideas and information, and, on the other, we have also enjoyed our trip to this ancient capital of Japan, one of the traditional festivals peculiar to this old city, and a visit to typical examples of temple and shrine buildings. It is a great pleasure to us all that the Second World Conference has now come to an end, achieving more than we first expected.

First of all I should like to point out that the results of re-search works presented by our colleagues from abroad have added to the experience and knowledge of Japanese participants. At the same time, I hope that foreign participants have also gained much from those introduced by Japanese scientists and engineers.

Another and perhaps more important thing about this Conference is that we have been able to make personal contacts with our fellow scientists and engineers from different parts of the world. I believe that such personal contacts are most important in strengthening the ties among those engaged in research and practice in earthquake engineering throughout the world.

We have tried our best to make our friends from abroad feel at home during the Conference. In spite of our sincere efforts, however, I am afraid that many of them may have experienced inconveniences, for which I should like to apologize.

If this has been a successful conference, which I hope it has, it is largely due to the cooperation extended by all the participants in smoothly running the Conference, and I wish to express, as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, my heartfelt thanks to all of you who are here as well as those who were prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending this session for their cooperation.

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We have been able to renew our old friendships on the occasion of this Conference, and have also gained new ones. I should like to ask our friends from abroad to join hands with their Japanese colleagues to further international cooperation in the field of earthquake engineering.

It is my sincere wish that they will enjoy the remainder of their stay in Japan, visiting places of historic interest and of scenic beauty, in which Japan abounds.

Last but not least may I express my sincere gratitude to all the people who have offered their full cooperation in the various works, involved in preparing for the Conference as well as those who have supported and helped us in organizing the Conference.

With my Sayonara to our colleagues from abroad, I have the pleasure of declaring that the Second World Conference is now closed.