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On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I have the pleasure of welcoming you to the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering. Many have travelled from distant countries and we admire and appreciate their efforts to participate.

The first World Conference on Earthquake Engineering was held four years ago, June 1956, at Berkeley, California on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. Through the efforts of the sponsors, the first Conference was a great success.

The presentation of papers and the discussions at this conference made available new knowledge in the fields of fundamental and applied Earthquake Engineering. It pointed out clearly the direction of future endeavor in this field. At the same time, the Conference opened up channels of communication between those persons and parties throughout the world who are engaged in the Earthquake Engineering field. It thereby contributed much to subsequent progress in this important field.

During the First Conference, the delegates from Japan expressed the desire to see the Conference become a regular media for continued exchange of information and that a second such a Conference be held in Japan, if possible. After returning to Japan, we of the Japanese delegation endeavored to have such a desire become reality.

The Japanese Government recognized its importance and permitted the Science Council of Japan to organize this, the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering. The Seismological Society of Japan, the Architectural Institute of Japan and the Japan Society of Civil Engineers extended their wholehearted support.

As you know, the success of such a Conference depends a great deal upon the financial help of interested persons and organizations. The Association Supporting the Second World Conference was formed with Mr. Kano as its president. This association has collected the monetary donations needed to ensure the production of this Conference.

Our deep appreciation is expressed to the Association, and to Mr. Kano, for their untiring efforts.

The Organizing Committee has devoted itself for the past three years to the preparations for this Conference. Equally important has