

been the support rendered by engineers and scientists the world over in preparation of the numerous papers, reports and items for exhibit. This is due in no small measure to the recognition of the importance of this conference by Governmental Agencies and Societies of the various countries whose delegates are in attendance here. For this deep understanding and cooperation, I wish to express my sincere appreciation.

The main portion of this Conference will consist of five separate sessions plus the opening and closing sessions. Approximately eighty papers will be presented in addition to four special lectures. Papers not presented orally at the conference will be mentioned in the appropriate session summaries. All papers will be included in the Proceedings of the Conference.

Since the first conference was held, there have been many disastrous earthquakes; in Morocco, in Iran, and also in Chile, where they are still experiencing a series of earthquakes perhaps as violent as any ever known to mankind. These earthquakes have taken a vast toll of lives and caused much human suffering and tremendous damage. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to all the victims of these disasters.

We can hope that the advanced knowledge and techniques to be presented here to this conference will help considerably to alleviate the damage and suffering which these violent earthquakes bring to mankind.

Anticipating a successful conference through the cooperation of each of you present, I have the honor to declare open the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering.

ADDRESS BY:

Dr. Masao Yamagata, Vice-President, Science Council of Japan

It is a great pleasure for me to extend, on behalf of the Science Council of Japan, a cordial welcome to the scientists and engineers who are assembled here from different parts of the world to participate in the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering. I wish also to express my sincere thanks to the distinguished guests who have honored us by their presence at this Opening Session.

The Science Council of Japan, as the organ representing scientists of Japan both at home and abroad, is deeply interested in the promotion of exchange of scientists and scientific information among nations of the world. Since its establishment in 1949, the Council has organized a number of international meetings for this purpose. We, as the host to this Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, are very happy to be able to welcome such a large number of authorities in earthquake engineering from various countries of the world to the Conference.