

Addresses delivered at the Conference

In Japan as well as in many other seismic countries, tremendous damage and disasters have been caused by great earthquakes, and I believe it is the very task of science to protect mankind from such disasters. In this sense it is gratifying for the promotion of welfare of mankind that earthquake engineering has achieved a remarkable progress in recent years. Through presentation of the results of recent studies at the Conference and earnest discussions among participating scientists, the Conference will, I am sure, contribute greatly to the further development of earthquake engineering and engineering seismology.

The Conference will also provide, through personal contact of participants from different countries, an excellent opportunity for furthering cooperation and mutual understanding among scientists of the world. It is my sincere wish that despite the difference in language and custom the Conference will attain a great success with cooperation of the participants.

I think that for many of the participants from abroad this is their first visit to this country. I hope that they will avail themselves of this opportunity to become better acquainted with our cultural traditions.

In concluding my address I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have rendered us cooperation in organizing the Conference, especially to the authorities of the various government departments and of the countries represented, and to the members of the Association Supporting the Conference as well as of the Organizing Committee.

ADDRESS BY:

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It is a great honour for me to say a few words of congratulation on this occasion of the Opening of the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering.

It is gratifying that in recent years a remarkable progress has been made in research in the various fields of science throughout the world. We are especially glad to see that research in earthquakes, especially in earthquake engineering, has been, and is pursued with great interest in seismic countries and that excellent results are being achieved one after another.

Known as one of the seismic countries of the world, Japan has a long history of research in this field and has records and other material regarding earthquakes and earthquake damage collected in abundance. National institutes for research and investigation in