

## Closing Remarks

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Distinguished Guests and Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the Symposium, I would like to deliver the closing remarks.

At first, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the guests and participants for their significant contribution to this symposium.

The main theme of this symposium was "Utilization of Feed Resources in Relation to Nutrition and Physiology of Ruminants in the Tropics". To address this problem, we set up three categories. The first included "country reports", in which six reports were presented. The second dealt with "organization strategies", in which five reports were presented. The third covered "technical reports", in which twelve reports were presented. In total twenty three reports were presented here. Through these reports, we were able to understand the present situation of ruminant production and future strategy devised by each country and international organizations. We succeeded in enhancing mutual understanding among the participants and we were able to become informed of the latest research results, which is important for promoting research from now on.

In the general discussion, based on the reports presented, four chairpersons identified the main problems and all the members participated in discussions very actively.

Thus, it is my great pleasure to say that the symposium was very successful.

However, we know that many problems remain to be solved, including social, economical and political problems. Thus, I anticipate that this symposium will contribute to the promotion of research on ruminant production in the tropics and sub-tropics.

I believe that this symposium also enabled to forge personal relationships and contacts which will play a very important and significant role in the promotion of research cooperation between the Japanese organizations and those in various tropical countries.

Finally I express our thanks to Dr. Tsuru and all the members of the Tropical Agriculture Research Center. They kindly gave us the opportunity to contribute to the promotion of research for the improvement of the utilization of feed resources to enhance ruminant production in the tropics and sub-tropics. I also thank the members of the Organizing Committee. Without their effort, we could not have been holding this symposium.

I thank again all the distinguished guests and participants for their active participation and cooperation. Now the symposium is closed but I sincerely hope that we will gather again and talk about subjects of mutual interest in the near future.

Thank you.