

## Closing Address

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Ladies and gentlemen:

It is my greatest pleasure and honor to express a few words at this closing session of the symposium.

During these four days, all the participants have made great contribution to the symposium either by presenting excellent papers or by joining to exciting discussion.

Here, I like to express my deepest thanks to all of you for your earnest cooperation to the symposium.

The importance of virus diseases of crops can not be overemphasized.

During the symposium, so many important virus disease problems have been discussed. Some are fundamental, some are practical. All of them would be quite instructive to all the participants.

I now have realized that how it is complicated and difficult to study virus problems. It is because that virus disease has 2 aspects of insect vector and virus itself. In addition, genetic resistance is one of the most important factors for the control of the disease.

It means, close cooperation is required among entomologists, virologists and plant breeders.

I believe the present symposium was so successful in exchanging information and views not only among different countries but also among scientists working on insects, virus and crop breeding.

On behalf of the Tropical Agriculture Research Center, I wish to mention that the center will continue to be the international forum to serve for the development of plant virology research.

Some proposals and requests on future cooperative research have also been made, such as taxonomy of rice viruses, international research program in tropics, seed bank, type culture and newsletter problems.

I think, this kind of proposal should be seriously taken up and discussed further among the peoples concerned.

On closing this symposium, I like to repeat my gratitude again to all the participants here for the cooperation to the fruitful meeting.

My dear delegates from foreign countries, you are starting to the survey tour this afternoon to Shizuoka area. I hope you have a nice trip and enjoy yourselves by seeing rural life in Japan, too.

Thank you very much.