

Welcome Address

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Distinguished Guests and Participants,

On behalf of the International Soybean Program (INTSOY) at the University of Illinois, I would like to welcome all participants in this important symposium.

I would like to compliment the Tropical Agriculture Research Center (TARC) and the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC) for organizing this International Symposium on Soybean in Tropical and Subtropical Cropping Systems. It is a privilege for INTSOY to be a cosponsor of this symposium.

It is appropriate that this symposium is being held in the Orient where soybeans originated. It is encouraging that 100 participants from 25 different countries are presenting their research results and participating in discussions about their past accomplishments and future plans for soybeans in their countries.

It must be noted that during the 20th century soybeans have made phenomenal gains in production in the Americas, whereas area has not expanded greatly in Asia. Although major gains in soybean production have occurred in temperate regions, recently substantial gains are being made in the tropical and subtropical regions.

Therefore as we look to the last two decades of this century and into the 20th century we must develop the best technology which will accelerate soybean production in the tropics and subtropics. The challenge is for the distinguished scientists at this symposium to contribute to this worthy goal.

Thank you.