

Closing Address

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Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Scientists and Guests:

It is my great pleasure to see this Symposium on Maize Production in Southeast Asia being successfully closed as we anticipated. I wish, in the first place, to extend our sincerest gratitude to all participants here assembled for your untiring cooperation in presenting papers and carrying discussions through three-day sessions.

This Symposium brought us fruitful results; we gained deeper insight into the present situation and future problems involved in the maize production in Southeast Asian countries, and further into the future course of international cooperation in research activities to promote maize production in those countries. I may also highly estimate that this gathering served to strengthen friendly ties among research workers of different countries.

Potentiality existing in maize production increase in Southeast Asian countries is expected quite enormous. Realization of this potentiality will play an important role for those countries in developing their national economy and expanding their international trade. From this point of view, international cooperation in maize production research is strongly requested. The Japanese Government is attempting, as a part of her activity on international cooperation, to promote researches regarding tropical agriculture on a more extensive scale and under better-organized circumstance. It is my sincere desire that cooperation in maize research be promoted to the best extent.

I am afraid that presentation of papers by Japanese participants and their answers to the questions made on their paper presentation were difficult to follow for participants from abroad, but I am hoping that the content of their presentations could serve to some extent in developing the researches which foreign participants may conduct in coming future.

Upon closing the Symposium, may I wish that you enjoy tours starting tomorrow and observe the actual conditions of recent Japan. I wish you also to have pleasant return journey to home.

Again I thank you for your good participation and devotion to this Symposium.

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