

Closing Address

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It is my great pleasure and privilege to say a few words at the end of the session. Now coming to the session of the Symposium held for four days this week, I'd like to congratulate all of you on the successful deliveration. All the participants have made immensely valuable contribution to the Symposium either by presenting excellent papers or by actively participating in the very exciting discussion. In spite of the limited time available and rather wide scope of the subjects which are taken up in the Symposium, the presentation and the discussion have been made very effectively and satisfactorily far beyond my expectation thanks to the able chairmanship which all the foreign guests have shared, and thanks to the earnest cooperation rendered by all the participants here.

I have an impression that this Symposium has turned out to be very significant in two points. The first is that the Symposium is being held jointly with the FAO/IAEA Division. We could share many valuable informations from the research group of FAO/IAEA. The second point is that some of the important problems in the rice insect research were brought up to an intensive discussion at the Session of general discussion we have finished right now. We believe that the result of the discussion will definitely benefit the future progress of our research in this field.

During the discussion, three important points, to which my research center, Tropical Agriculture Research Center, should pay attention, were raised; the first one is the necessity of publication of scientific papers written in English by Japanese workers. In this connection I'd like to introduce to you the journal published by my center. The name of the publication is "JARQ, *Japan Agriculture Research Quarterly*". It is a quarterly publication in English which contains important research findings and useful experiences of common interest obtained in Japan. Now the number of circulation exceeds two thousand and it is now being distributed to almost all countries in Asia and a number of countries outside Asia.

The second point is the request made by some of the delegates for the service in identification of insect species by a Japanese taxonomist. And the third problem is the request for the service in providing some experimental materials such as an extract of sex-hormone or sex-attractive substances to our friends overseas. We in the Center will be very happy to be of any assistance in such service to our overseas friends.

Finally, as a head of the sponsoring organization and of the secretariat of the Symposium, I should be more than grateful, if this Symposium could serve as a step towards the further promotion of an international cooperation in the field of rice insect research. My feelings at this moment are too deep for me to express adequately my gratitude for all the kind cooperation extended by FAO/IAEA, all the guests and participants, and for the work of the secretariat. Thank you.