

in obtaining valuable suggestions towards future advancement of observation and theoretical research through exchange of views and active discussion in harmonious atmosphere.

Welcome Address

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It is a great privilege for me to say a few words on the occasion of the Opening of the International Conference on Cosmic Rays and the Earth Storm, representing the hosts to the Conference, and especially on behalf of the Science Council of Japan.

First I should like to extend my sincere welcome to the participating scientists, especially to our friends who have come over to Japan from different parts of the world. I also wish to express my thanks to the distinguished guests who have honoured us by their presence at this Opening Session.

The Science Council of Japan is deeply concerned with promotion of international cooperation and exchange in the field of science, and for this purpose, the Council has been organizing international scientific meetings and also dispatching our scientists to such meetings held in other countries.

The significance of an international scientific meeting lies not only in active exchange of views and experiences. It also provides participating scientists from different countries with a valuable opportunity of becoming acquainted with one another, and thereby contributing to the promotion of mutual understanding and friendly relations among nations of the world.

I hope that the Conference will successfully achieve its objectives from the scientific stand point as well as in helping promote friendly relations among the countries represented.

I believe this is an opportune chance for our colleagues from abroad to visit our universities and laboratories to see work being done in these institutions. I also hope that they will have an ample time after the Conference to visit various parts of this country and become better acquainted with our people, our daily life and our traditions, especially our cultural heritage in which this old capital of Japan, Kyoto, abounds.

In concluding my address, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics and other international scientific unions that have extended generous support to us in organizing this Conference. My thanks are also due to the industrial circles of Japan for contributing greatly towards the Conference expenses.