

Welcome Address

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to address a few words at the opening of the "Sixth International Symposium on Polarization Phenomena in Nuclear Physics". First of all, I would like to extend my cordial welcome to all the participants from abroad and to those from many institutes in our country.

Nuclear Physics has developed enormously in many directions since the first international symposium on the polarization phenomena was held at Basel in Switzerland 25 years ago. Making full use of the progress of technology about accelerators, polarized ion sources, measuring devices and electronics, polarization phenomena are now studied at many institutes in the world.

I am very much pleased to find so many excellent physicists who are actively working at the frontier of nuclear physics and I believe this international symposium will contribute much to the progress of nuclear physics through the exchange of new ideas and new results.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the people who have taken an active part in organizing this symposium.

I hope that this symposium, in addition to being very exciting academically, will be very fruitful in strengthening the fraternal bonds of the international scientific community and of humanity.

One of the additional pleasures of the participants in an international meeting, I suppose, is to see the cultural activities of other countries and to see the tradition and customs of the peoples living there. The district including Osaka, Kyoto and Nara has been one of the great cultural centers of Japan from remote ages. Kyoto was the capital of Japan for over a thousand years. Nara and Osaka were the capital respectively in more olden times.

In this district, you can see old temples, shrines, castles and others.

You can also enjoy some of the traditional performing arts on Tuesday evening in this hotel.

I hope that our foreign friends will enjoy their stay in Japan and will take back many pleasant memories to their homes.