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Preface

The 6th World Congress of Bronchoesophagology that was held in Tokyo from October 15th to 18th, 1989 was a great success, attracting far more participants than were originally expected. As president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to Tokyo, from around the world, for the occasion as well as the members of the organizing committee, without whose selfless efforts the Congress would never have been possible.

The Congress proved to be a major gathering, with over 820 participants from 31 countries gathering in Tokyo. Significant as it was for its scholastic contributions to the field of bronchoesophagology, the Congress was also successful in promoting goodwill among the peoples of the world by providing ample opportunities for the many scholars and researchers in attendance to become friends.

It is my deepest wish that the feelings of amity born of this Congress will continue to deepen and unfold in future years and thus contribute to advancing scholarship in our discipline as well as cementing the bonds of friendship.

Although we were only together in Tokyo for a short period of four days, nothing would make me happier than to think that the participants in the Congress will continue to make contributions to the science of bronchoesophagology, having returned to their practices and research with the feeling that their experiences in Tokyo were both satisfying and enriching.

I hope that the publication of the Proceedings will serve to inform a broad circle of interested people of the achievements made here at the Congress and in so doing help in some small way to further the goals of bronchoesophagology.

Tetsuzo Inouye
President
The 6th World Congress of
Bronchoesophagology

OPENING ADDRESS

It gives me great pleasure to have the honor of opening the 6th World Congress of Bronchoesophagology during this most beautiful time of year in Japan. If I may beg your indulgence for a moment, by way of welcoming our honored guests and participants, I would like first to recount briefly the events which have led to the World Congress being held in Japan.

During the 5th World Congress which was held in Rio de Janeiro, it was suggested that Japan host the next Congress. The officers of the Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society convened soon thereafter and upon consideration of the matter decided in favor of hosting the 6th World Congress of Broncho-esophagology.

Thanks to the unselfish efforts of the officers and members of the Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society, it was possible to complete preparations for the 6th World Congress in the very short span of less than three years. That we are able to welcome some eight hundred participants from twenty-nine countries spanning the globe here today is a tribute to their energy and support as well as to the enthusiastic cooperation and welcome guidance of members of the Congress over the world. I would like to congratulate everyone involved for making possible what will no doubt prove to be a grand Congress.

We are indeed fortunate to have with us here today a great many distinguished guests including two Japanese cabinet ministers; the Honorable Kazuya Ishibashi, Minister of Education, and the Honorable Saburo Toida, Minister of Health and Welfare. We are also honored to have Dr. Haruto Haneda, President of the Japan Medical Association, Dr. Kunio Ota, President of the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences, and Dr. Bryan Neel, President of the American Broncho-Esophagological Association here with us. On behalf of the membership of the Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society, allow me to welcome you gentlemen and thank you for taking time away from your busy schedules to be with us.

Beginning today and continuing for the next three days, we have papers scheduled which we feel promise to expand and deepen our knowledge of the field as well as spark fruitful discussions. In light of the fact that the World Congress of Bronchoesophagology also strives to deepen friendship among its members, we have scheduled additional events which we feel will provide opportunities for our members to renew old friendships and to make new ones. Autumn is a beautiful time in Japan, and I invite everyone, members, their families, and especially those of you who have traveled from afar to be with us today to take advantage of the opportunities provided and enjoy yourselves to the full during your stay. I assure you that we have done our best to put together a program of activities for you that will enable you to enjoy your stay here. If you have questions or comments about anything, please feel free to approach any of us. We are at your service.

As chairman of the Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society, I would like to close now by extending a warm welcome to everyone on behalf of the Society. Enjoy your stay.

Thank you.

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