

亞洲前沿有機化學國際會議致詞 (英文)

As the **President of National Tsing Hua University**, it is my greatest pleasure and honor to welcome all of you, the ACP-delegates to Hsinchu, Taiwan. We are pleased to host **this International Conference on Cutting-Edge Organic Chemistry in Asia**, the ICCEOCA-5 and NICCEOCA-1 starting from today in Hsinchu.

National Tsing Hua University is one of the top universities in Taiwan and has a long and proud history. First established as the Tsing Hua Academy at Tsing Hua Garden in Beijing in 1911, the Academy was renamed as National Tsing Hua University in 1928 as its curricula expanded to that of a full-fledged university. In 1956, National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) was reinstalled on its current campus in Hsinchu, Taiwan.

Since its reinstallation, NTHU has developed from an institute focusing on Nuclear Science and Technology to that of a comprehensive research university offering degrees and programs ranging from baccalaureate to doctorate in science, technology, engineering, humanities and social sciences, as well as management. NTHU has been consistently ranked as one of the premier universities in Taiwan and is widely recognized as the best incubator for future leaders in industries as well as academics. Such stellar records are particularly exemplified by the outstanding achievements of our alumni, including two Nobel laureates in physics Dr. Cheng-Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao Lee, one Nobel laureate in chemistry Dr. Yuan-Tseh Lee and one Wolf Prize winner in mathematics Dr. Shiing-Shen Chern.

I learned that the Asian CORE program of the JSPS was established in October 2005 for the purpose to create world-class research hubs in selected fields of science within the Asian region, and to foster the development and synergistic relations among the next generation of researchers by establishing sustainable partnerships among Asian institutions. The Cutting-Edge Organic Chemistry program was initiated by Professor Minoru Isobe in 2005 with Professors Chun-Chen Liao, Somsak Ruchirawat, Kou-Qiang Lin and Sunggak Kim. This Conference is the last one of the first 5-year program, and at the same time is the First Conference in the second 5-year program. I am happy to know that this program would be continuing for much longer years by the efforts of the international coordinators. I congratulate you on the outstanding achievements that all the previous annual meetings in Nagoya, Okinawa (2006), Bussan (2007), Han Zhou (2008), and Bangkok (2009) were very successful. In the past two months, I had the opportunity to take part in two of the prominent gatherings in Asia, the general meeting of Association of East-Asia Research Universities in Beijing and International Conference in Asia, IUMRS in Qingdao, China. The timeliness, relevance and convenience of the meetings

coupled with global prominence of the Asian region all point to the increasingly important roles of ICCEOCA in the future.

On behalf of National Tsing Hua University, I welcome all the members for your active participation. I also acknowledge the international advisory board and coordinators of the 8 countries/regions for your continuous efforts to make this program so outstanding and more visible. Funding agents are most important as well; namely, JSPS (Tokyo), NSFC (Beijing), KOSEF (Seoul), NRCT (Bangkok), and NSCT (Taipei). None of such activity would be possible without these supports.

Finally, I hope that you will, of course, enjoy the conference but don't forget also enjoy Taiwan's natural beauty, culture and cuisine during your stay. Thank you.
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