

## Closing Comment

We have come to the end of the Special Session on S & T Policy and Biotechnology in Asia. I wish I could give you a meaningful summary of it, but I doubt whether anyone could do so at this point.

I am very pleased to have been exposed to such a wide variety of viewpoint during the Session. It seems to me that the Session has been extremely successful in bringing together scientists who, although from such diverse points of view, have a common interest.

Each speaker compressed his work into a summary, and to recapitulate is clearly beyond my ability. So many valuable contributions cannot be mentioned at this moment.

I would like to mention some of the principal points that have emerged from the 2 keynote lectures.

1. Dr. Tan, Prof. of Biochemistry, University of Singapore, expert of S & T & Research, gave us an idea how ASEAN (10-nation organization) engages productively in S & T cooperation with interested and like-minded organizations world-wide with specific examples. He proposed 49 actions in detail on S & T policy and management. I thought it would be better to rearrange 49 actions by category for policy makers.

2. Dr. Zakri, Prof. of UNU, is an outstanding expert on biotechnology and biodiversity policies for developing countries. He pointed out 4 key recommendations of the round table discussions held in November 2004 at UNU-IAS which focused on the needs and potentials of Asia in biotechnology. He pointed out so well potential and impacts of biotechnology in our daily life. Both Dr. Tan and Dr. Zakri's keynote lectures on S & T policy and Biotechnology in Asia were very informative.

I don't have to make any comments on panel discussions of Mr. Ha, Vietnam, Dr. Liu, China, Dr. Asano, Japan, and Dr. Kim, Korea in Part II because we had very interesting questions and discussions and Prof. Chong moderated it so well.

We all know that the destiny of a nation in the 21st Century is depend on the S & T Policy and Bio-technology, high tech research and development and man-power of that country.

To have a full support from the Government and Congress, I think, it is necessary to educate the important policy making politicians on S & T.

I wish to express my appreciation to the speakers who have made this special session a worthwhile and successful one.

Thank you very much.

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