

Address by the Organizer at the Opening Ceremony
at the 34th World Ophthalmology Congress 2014

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Your Imperial Highness The Crown Prince,
Mr. Ichita Yamamoto, Minister of State for Science and
Technology Policy,
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Professor Tatsuro Ishibashi, President, JOS,
Professor Makoto Araie, President, ^{アパオ}APAO2014,
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Professor Dennis Lam, Vice President, APAO,
Distinguished Guests, Fellow Researchers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed my great honor to deliver an address as a co-organizer at the opening ceremony of the 34th World Ophthalmology Congress 2014 in the presence of His Imperial Highness, The Crown Prince.

And it is much pleasure as representative of Science Council of Japan, to hold the Congress on a larger scale, simultaneously with the 29th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress and the 118th Annual Meeting of Japanese Ophthalmological Society.

Science Council of Japan is a representative institution of Japan's scientific communities in all kinds, from Humanities to Engineering, including Medical Sciences. Our primary purpose is

to develop and advance scientific outcomes to ensure that the science is reflected in and infiltrates policy making, industry, and people's lives.

I hope that this Congress will be an opportunity to advance ophthalmology and contribute to nurture researchers who will lead the next generation of this field.

In addition, I am also delighted as a co-organizer that this congress will be an occasion for society to deepen the knowledge and understanding of ophthalmology through a general public forum.

Personally, as a son of an eye doctor, I am particularly interested in the development of ophthalmology for improving the quality of life for people toward an ageing society.

I would like to close my address by hoping that this congress will be successful and all participants will have enjoyable stay in Tokyo.

Thank you for your attention.