

**Address by the Organizer at the Opening Ceremony
of the 5th World Engineering Conference and Convention**

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Your Imperial Highness The Crown Prince,

Your Excellencies The Ministers, and Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my great honor to deliver an address as a co-organizer at the opening ceremony of the 5th World Engineering Conference and Convention in the presence of His Imperial Highness, The Crown Prince.

Science Council of Japan is a representative institution of Japan's scientific communities in all kinds, from Humanities to Engineering, including Social, Life and Physical 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.

Since its establishment in 1949, with a view of promoting international exchange in science, we have deepened our ties with research institutions worldwide by hosting international conferences in Japan and dispatching researchers to conferences held overseas.

We are very pleased to host this international conference and welcome the participants from various countries and regions.

I am especially looking forward to hearing the many splendid scientific results under the conference theme of "Engineering: Innovation and Society".

As we all know, social innovation through scientific discoveries and engineering practices become the most important subjects in many countries. Researchers and Experts in engineering, of course, are expected to play indispensable roles for it. I am also working as President of a National University, which is named Toyohashi University of Technology. The aim of our university is seeking technological science, that is, applying and

developing engineering through understanding sciences supporting technology. Therefore, I am deeply concerned about the success of this conference.

I hope that there will be intense discussions among researchers and engineers crossing national and regional boundaries on significant research topics, future perspective, and international collaborations towards social innovation, simply for constructing better society securing well-being to all the people.

I am also delighted as a co-organizer that this conference will be an occasion to share the meaning and importance of engineering with the society through the general public forum.

Before closing my welcome address, I would like to express my wish for the great success of this conference. In addition, I hope that you have an enjoyable and memorable stay in Kyoto, the cultural capital of this country, deepening a better understanding of Japanese culture.

Thank you for your attention.