

I.C.U.S. Statement on the Third Conference

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The International Cultural Foundation, Inc. aims to fill a critical gap in the spectrum of foundations now proliferating nationally and internationally. It seeks to facilitate the global convergence toward an international culture by promoting cultural exchanges among nations, and the academic studies and researches which hold promise of making vital, fundamental contributions to world goodwill and peace.

In keeping with the concerns of ICF, this Conference has sought to bring together scientists and scholars who are actively seeking to achieve a unity of the sciences at the same time that they are concerned with resolving the dilemma encapsulated by the Conference theme, "Modern Science and Moral Values."



The intended relation between ICF, and the academic community can be clarified by examining the genesis of this Conference. Early this year, Dr. Watanabe and certain of his associates at ICF sought to develop such contacts with the academic community of Japan that a responsible executive committee of Japanese scientists and scholars could be organized. Having found such a group, Dr. Watanabe and the gradually expanding Conference staff have conducted the administrative operation in accordance with the decisions of Dr. Sawada and the executive committee members. Through actions such as this the ICF hopes to develop liaison with the academic community in order to establish a more fruitful collaboration in the future.

The workings of such a relation are again demonstrated at this Conference by the manner in which the official academic program of the conference, as determined by the executive committee, has been complemented by two unofficial meetings arranged by the Conference secretariat to survey the currents of thought converging toward a Third International Conference.

The first meeting focused upon suggestions for a conference theme, whereas the second meeting reached a clear understanding of the two alternative themes interacting at this Conference—that of organizing themes (goals) and that of organizing people. This classification brings closely into focus the progress of this conference in comparison with the goals of ICF. It is the intention of ICF to support the complementary development of both themes, and this conference has indeed provided a valuable experience of the manner in which these endeavors should proceed.

In conclusion, at this time the ICF realizes the need to re-evaluate the programs it has supported to determine a course of action most likely to achieve its desired ends. The contributions of the distinguished participants here, coming from their sincere concern, will be carefully considered in determining the course of action to be followed by the ICF in preparing for the Third Conference.

We are committed to the convening of a third successor Conference, at least equal in size to this Conference, to be held in London during November, 1974. Before deciding any details of theme and organization, we will carefully consider all factors, including finances, before embarking on a definite course and will inform you of the decision we reach as soon as possible.

On behalf of the conference secretariat, I thank you most cordially for joining in these deliberations, and we hope we will be able to collaborate with you in the future.