

## The 2nd International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences - Opening Greeting

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I would like to welcome about 40 delegates, excellent scholars, both from abroad and Japan, gathered on the occasion of the Second International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. I would like to pay my respects to the scholars.

It is clear that the unity of sciences or the unity of scientific thought is one of the most important issues that face us. The fact that scientists have decided to devote a lot of their attention to this problem is important because it is not only necessary, but almost a duty on the part of the scientists to do so. It is true that in modern society science plays an important role in human lives. You cannot think of human beings living without science. Also I think it can be said that science covers all facets of human life. So, science cannot be separated from modern living.

Therefore, it is important for us to reaffirm and see again what kind of role science is playing in this • human life, what kind of contribution it is making towards human happiness. If you look back on that, you will have to see that science not only makes a good contribution to human existence, but also bad. Think of pollution, environmental degradation, and alienation; such are examples of the adverse effects.

Also it is a deplorable fact that within science itself, there has occurred such a specialization that the interrelationship between some of the aspects of science have been lost. Therefore, I think it is a good time for us to look back on what we have been doing in the scientific field to see what the basic necessities are for us to tackle.

Being aware of these dangers, we have already made some positive attempts. On the part of the ICF, we are trying to do our best to make a positive contribution, and to make a moral breakthrough in the science that we see around us today. ICF was established in order to bring about the exchange of views between different races, and different regions, and different cultures. In order to lessen the friction and increase friendly relations, we have held conferences and made publications.



ICUS was founded at the suggestion of Mr. S. M. Moon, the founder of ICF. Because of this move in 1972, the First International Conference was called. Held with the help of CURE, this conference centered around the theory of Mr. Edward Haskell, our outgoing chairman. The first meeting was held at the Astoria Hotel in New York, with 13 American delegates, two British, one French, one German, one Swedish, one Canadian, one Korean, and one Japanese. There were about 20 delegates and about 20 observers. As a result of the First Conference, a true need was felt for the continuation of this kind of a conference, to make a breakthrough in modern science. Therefore, this Second Conference is now being held.

I speak on behalf of the International Cultural Foundation, the sponsors, who would like to see the continuation of this kind of meeting, where scholars are gathered, holding an integrated view, with the purpose of preserving mankind as long as possible and to do the utmost for the continuation of culture too.

In concluding my speech, I would like to pay my respects to Dr. Sawada and the people of the secretariat who supported the proceedings. I would also like to thank the participants of this Second Conference, and also I hope that the Third Conference will be held as a continuation of the second one.

Thank you very much.