President’s Foreword

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With the last word of farewell to all participants, I was suddenly overwhelmed by a strong emotion at the uneventful conclusion of the scientific program, in appreciation of the enormous effort made by everyone concerned contributing to the grand success of the forum. As I later became aware of participants’ satisfaction, I was led to believe that it was the result of the beautiful cooperation and the perfect presentations based on the better understanding of the Forum’s objectives by the committees and the participants alike.

It was my pleasure to welcome Emeritus Prof. Dr. T. Nijjima, one of the founders at the First Forum, Prof. Aso of JUA besides his excellency Governor J. Nishime of Okinawa at the opening ceremony, not to mention Prof. Willet F. Whitmore Jr. and Prof. Emil A. Tanagho, great teachers and fine friends among the responsible officers.

I am sure that the Second Forum would not have been such a success without the excellent ideas and advices of Dr. Michael Lieber, Dr. Osamu Yoshida and all committee members. It should be mentioned that an epoch making technical demonstration was successfully made by the satellite transmitted multi centrical T-V with discussion viewing each other’s face and slides between Tokyo and Okinawa during the morning session on Jan. 21th 1990. This was to open the door to the real time mass exchange of ideas on international basis, saving the precious time and energy for large number of people and speeding the progress, in addition to the benefit of present video recording.

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on behalf of the forum officers and secretariat

I am very proud of presenting the context of the Second Urological Forum Okinawa which was led by the current making beautiful lectures on each subject. My only regret is that the proceedings cannot fully express how many invaluable scientific and personal exchanges were produced at the forum.

Last but not least

I would like to direct the readers’ attention to the list of our officers on the front-page for their memorable contributions.