

## 7ACC'97

### - The Role of Chemistry for the Development of Natural Resources and Conservation of Environment in Asia -

The Seventh Asian Chemical Congress (7ACC) was held under the auspices of Science Council of Japan and the Chemical Society of Japan during May 16-20, 1997 in Hiroshima. The venue was International Conference Center Hiroshima at the side of Peace Memorial Park. The chairperson of the National Organizing Committee was Prof. Hiroo Tominaga at Saitama Institute of Technology, and Prof. Makoto Misono at University of Tokyo served as a chairperson of Program Committee.

The congress was attended by 876 registrants with 210 foreign participants from 28 countries and regions, and 666 local participants. There were five plenary lectures including three Nobel Prize winners, Drs. Yuan T. Lee, Jean-Marie Lehn and F.S. Rowland. The numbers of oral and poster presentations were 289 and 322, respectively. Altogether 619 papers were presented including the plenary and three award lectures.



Opening Remarks from Chairman of Organizing Committee

Hiroshima Forum for Citizens with a theme of Asia and Hiroshima for tomorrow -economy and environment- was held as a part of 7ACC on May 17 at nearby Nissay Peace Hall. The report of the Forum appears separately in this issue.

At the Congress the turnover of FACS officers was marked. The President Dr. Sevilla III of the Philippines stepped down and the President elect, Prof. Ohtaki of Japan leads FACS as new President. The new set of officers includes Prof. Takeuchi as Secretary General, Prof. Akimoto as Chairperson of the Publication Committee, and Prof. Johnsee Lee of Taiwan as President-elect.



Opening Ceremony



Congress Site, International Conference Center Hiroshima

The Congress ended with a farewell banquet at ANA Hotel. The participants enjoyed the finale of the party with country songs and dances promising to have a union at the next Congress in Taipei in 1999.



Celebration of Awardees



Plenary lecturer, Prof. F. S. Rowland



Audience of Plenary Lecture



Information Desk



Poster Session



Floor Discussion at Hiroshima Forum for Hiroshima





Coffee Break



President-Elect, Dr. Johnsee Lee



FACS EXCO Members at the Banquet