

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank the organizers of the 14th ICC, Professor Sang Heup Moon, the chairman of the organizing committee, and the Korea team for their excellent organization of the ICC. I fully agree with the remarks made by Prof. Alex Bell on the all aspects of the ICC organization. I think the ICC has been elegantly organized and is extremely successful. Let me congratulate Professor Moon and his colleagues (please join me to give them a big hand). On behalf of the IACS, I would like present a gift to Professor Moon awarding his successful organization. (This needle work master pieces described the story about 1000 years when Korea sent many scholars to visit China, indicating that the collaboration between Korea and China has lasted for more 1000 years)

I would like to also thank my predecessor, Professor Alex Bell for his hard work during last 4 years and his great contribution to our association. My appreciation also extends to many other previous presidents including, Prof. Michel Che, Professor Helmut Knözinger (they are also in this congress), and Professor Wolfgang Sachtler, and also Prof. Kenzi Tamaru (was in the banquet yesterday evening) for their great efforts ever made for the International Association of Catalysis Societies.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure now to introduce our new executive committee of International Association of Catalysis Societies,

The vice President is Prof. Avelino Corma, from Institute of Chemical Technology, Valencia, Spain;

The Secretary is Prof. Martin Muhler, from University Bochum, Germany;

The Treasurer is Prof. Michael Bowker, from Cardiff University, the United Kingdom,

The Officer is Prof. Kazunari Domen, from the University of Tokyo, Japan.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am very much honored to be the president of the International Association of Catalysis Societies (IACS) which is the largest community of catalysis in the world and one of the most important associations worldwide. It is a great commitment and challenge for me to take this responsibility, but I will definitely do my best to serve the Association. Since we have an excellent executive team, a highly recognized international council and constant support from all catalysis societies, I am very much confident in our future development. I appreciate it very much for your constant support and encouragement, let us work together,

on the basis of cooperation and dedication, to meet the challenges of innovative forefront research, to solve the various difficulties we face today and exert positive impacts on the society.

In the past century, the world catalysis community has already made tremendous contributions to the development of catalysis science and technology which have obviously improved our living standards. Catalysis will continue to play a key role in the sustainable growth of the world's economy, and catalysis is one of the few most feasible and promising solutions for the world energy and environmental problems. With more than 50 years of successful experience and 14 well organized international Congresses, I strongly believe that the International Association of Catalysis Societies will further and greatly promote the development of catalysis science and technology, which will make a big contribution to build up a more harmonious, environmentally friendly and sustainable society.

Thank you!

Finally, on behalf all participants, I would like to thank all people who have worked hard and been involving all organization activities, but behind the ICC, please join me to give them a big hand.

Thank you!

(Speech given at the closing ceremony of the 14th ICC, COEX, Seoul, Korea, on July 18, 2008, 16:30-17:00)