

Message from JSAM President

On behalf of the Japanese Society of Agricultural Machinery (JSAM), I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulatory remarks to all distinguished guests and participants on this particular event, International Conference on Innovations in Agricultural, Food and Renewable Energy Productions for Mankind. Obviously, this sort of interdisciplinary gathering enables us to provide beneficial opportunity for information exchange and academic cooperation or collaboration.

The field of emerging technology in agriculture is faced with the challenge of developing sustainable food and renewable energy production systems in order to implement food security for the growing world population within the context of the dwindling resource base and to get rid of further degradation of environments.

In addition to it, it is believed that agricultural mechanization is an institutionally imperative, but do people consider it as vital as rice or water? In scores of both laboratory and field experiments, scientists have so far been tried to verify its practicability and usefulness under different local conditions. In the field, in fact, we can often hear the farmer's voice of high expectation about rational ways and manners of specific mechanization that lead to profitable agriculture. Along this context, we may find many professional assignments to be shared jointly with what might be contributing to the people of rural community.

Now, we understand this is a splendid forum to absorb practical and new knowledge regarding our professional disciplines.

On this occasion, I would like to express my cordial appreciation to the numerous efforts made by the Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering and the Institute of Engineering, Suranaree University of Technology. Finally, I do hope that our strong academic relations forged through collaborative works will be further promoted in the future.

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