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對于第九屆工程討論之感想

MY TMPRESSTON OF THE 9TH METS (July 26-Aug. 7)

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Rarely, the previous eight times Modern Engineering and Technology Seminar known as METS, which I attended, has moved me so much as this 9th one, headed by Vincent Chu and Francis Shen as cochairmen. The third cochairman couldn't make the trip due to illness, while we were arranging to condense the METS time from usually 3 weeks to 2 weeks for efficiency, we were advised by the Standing Committee of METS, with CIE/USA as coordinator to cooperate with other Chinese Technological organizations which have recently established in the United States, for geographically broader participation.

Thus, the structure of the 9th METS was as follows: CIE/USA acting as a coordinating center. organized the following speakers for various topics, namely, Engineering Plastis and Fine Chemicals led by T. K. Wu, Micro-Electronics led by Ta-Lin Hsu, Building Industry led by K. W. Tsai, Tele-communications led by Steve Cheng, Steel Making led by Sindo Kou, and Material Science led by James C. M. Li; as to the other technology groups, the Seattle group was to organize the speakers on Aeronautics finally led by Edward Hsia, the Med-west group Was to organize the speakers on Production Automaion which was led by Simon Chen, and the Houston group was to organize the speakers on Geophysics on Petroleum Exploration which was later called off.

The seminar was carried generally well except one day of typhoon when electricity supply was interrupted. Most sessions were suspended on that afternoon, to be made up in the following days. Total audience was roughly 1,500. They were enthusiastic and ernest. We hope they were not disappointed. What impressed me most is the following:

- 1. The Chinese engineers have the capacity to cooperate provided the duties of each technical groups are clearly defined.
- 2. This spirit of cooperation will instill confidence and will lead to a higher sense of synergistic achievement in the future.
- 3. The workshop type of discussions has proved successful and should be extended for future METS.
- 4. In the electronics and material science sessions, some frontier areas were touched to show that new knowledge is needed for high technology.
- 5. High working spirit was shown in such session as Building Industry. carrying out lectures despite typhoon.
- 6. High attentiveness was also shown by such high official as the Director of Chungshan Scientific Research Institute, who attended Material Science lectures and discussions by each session.
- 7. The seminar was ended with inspiring and some workable conclusions, as Prmier remarked before the audience that they may need further detail dicussion for implementation and return calls of the experts may be necessary.

Last but not the least, the writer has the conviction that a well planned and organized METS serves usefully as a bridge, for two-way traffic, for the transfer of technological ideas, skills and experience, and that it is worthwhile to be continued for clear goals and high purposes.

English Version

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To find worthy teacher and friend is difficult.

With your judgement and capacity, it's different.

Eighty year's laboring is for the fatherland,

Full of risks in passing through this dangerous world.

You have overcome them all with your integrity,

As you refuse influence, money and tricks.

Your sharp pen can kill whales in the earth.

The authorship will remain superb on this earth.

Double Tenth Day, 1982