

Welcome address

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On behalf of La Société franco-japonaise d'Océanographie, Tokyo, I have a greatest honor and pleasure to express my heartfelt welcome to all the participants of the French-Japanese Symposium on Determinism of Biological Recruitment in the Sea. I would like to express my deepest gratitude especially to those who have come from France for this symposium.

As it is recognized by marine biologists, biological oceanographers, fishery managers and aquaculture specialists, a better knowledge on the survival of eggs, larvae and juveniles of marine animals is very important for understanding a variety of marine life. Several scientist groups are involved in this research area both in France and Japan. I believe that the French scientists are interested in research by Japanese scientists, and the Japanese scientists are also interested in research developed by French scientists. Therefore, this symposium is a very good opportunity to have intimate contact with each other for

the exchange of information especially in the fields of biology, ecology and distribution of larvae of marine animals.

In this symposium there are two main themes chosen to be developed by French and Japanese scientists: one is "Ecology in natural environment" and the other is "Experimental biology and recruitment". I am expecting excellent presentation and fruitful discussions for mutual understanding and future development of scientific cooperations between France and Japan both in basic and applied biological sciences. I do hope a great success of the symposium. Finally, I would like to express my respectful thanks especially to Professor CECCALDI for his enthusiasm and excellent arrangement of the symposium.

Thank you very much for your participation.

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