

# Opening Remarks & Messages to Kuroshio Science

## Greetings from tropical Kao-Hsiung

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Right after Dean Houng-Yung Chen passed me the door key to the office of College of Marine Science on August 1st, I received the warm message from Professor Tominaga. Professor Tominaga was enjoying the 37° C when writing me the email. The message was “warm” in two folds. First, of course the nature of the community shows the warmth to each other. The other is: that kind of temperature might be unusual for Prof. Tominaga, but sort of everyday heat for us here in Kaohsiung in the summer days. Professor Tominaga ‘s greeting also reminds me immediately that how time flew by since we got together last November for *the 9th International Kuroshio Science Symposium*, and the meals we had on the balcony with sunset as the background. I would like to express my greatest thanks to all the participants for meeting each other at our university for one simple reason: we all are influenced and benefited by Kuroshio, environmentally, and culturally as well. So it will be beneficial for us to all stick together for knowing Kuroshio more.

Our former Dean, Professor Dr. Hinkiu Mok always has brilliant and advanced ideas. As you may already know that starting 2015 July he manages a Facebook page called *Wallman Ocean Studio* in memory of his late adviser, Professor J. Wallman. Many friends are attracted to read and share ongoing and new ideas of fish science on this platform efficiently. With the convenience of this tool, I believe the most updated information, research activities, and ideas regarding Kuroshio can be spread out and shared among us similarly. The end of last June, we had a cruise to explore the seafloor of the Okinawa Trough. Our research vessel set sail from Kaohsiung, heading south, passing the Bashi Channel, and then bounding north. Taxiing on Kuroshio, made our trip much faster and easier. I think the internet social platform can help us in Kuroshio research in similar pattern. Just a wild thinking, if we coordinate the research cruise trip along the Kuroshio pathway, maybe some useful information or samples can be collected casually for the whole community without extra funding or expenses.

Thank you for your attention, and looking forward to have more discussion on this later.