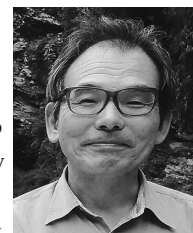


Opening Remarks & Messages to Kuroshio Science

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Good afternoon, I am very happy to be here in Kaohsiung again to see many of my friends.

First of all, I would like to say many thanks to the organizers of this Symposium. I appreciate the never-ending efforts of Professors Nathan Chen and Te-Hao Chen. I also appreciate Professor Hinkiu Mok's brilliant ideas to establish a social network system among students and researchers of this region to share the information and education to achieve a sustainable society in this area.

Last year, Professor Rhodora Azanza suggested us to establish the Kuroshio Science Consortium Academy to nurture talented people to achieve a sustainable society in this region through cross-border education.

This March, recommended by National Dong Hwa University's International Affairs team, I joined Bamboo-Shoot-Picking organized by an Ami Group, one of the activities of Hualien Tribal College. They believe that cultural diversity contributes to the development of human society and their ultimate goal is to promote indigenous autonomy and sustainable cultural development.

Kuroshio Science Consortium Academy is also pursuing an establishment of a sustainable society in the Kuroshio Region by nurturing talented people through cross-border education.

Today, six Filipino students and one Japanese student from our graduate School are going to present their works that were supervised by our colleagues. By taking this opportunity, please discuss things with them.

Coming back to the Kuroshio Science Consortium Academy, we should keep functioning this community in a decentralized way. Hinkiu's idea to use a social network is one solution to it. Maybe it is a good idea to ask old boys to take the role of it, because those who are in active positions at present cannot manage them. Soon, I will join this old boys club.

Thank you for your attention.