

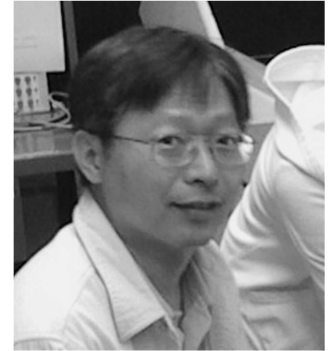
Opening Remarks

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Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to Kaohsiung! It has been a long while since we last met in the Kuroshio Science Symposium due to the Covid-19 restrictions. I am happy to see you all here in good health after enduring the challenges. Despite the pandemic disrupting our daily routines, we, as scientists, pushed forward with our research and the training of the next generation of students.

In the Kuroshio region, spanning from the Philippines to Taiwan and then to Japan, we encounter many common issues such as marine biodiversity, conservation and management, natural disaster risk and resilience, and economic growth and social development. These issues share similarities among the three countries due to the close proximity. From this perspective, this academic forum becomes an opportunity for fostering culture exchange and friendship, going beyond borders and establishing a platform for sharing knowledge and educating students.

Enhancing our understanding of these issues and cultivating a new generation of scientists can significantly contribute to the sustainable development of our countries. In conclusion, I extend my warm welcome to each of you as we gather here to embark on a collaborative academic journey, addressing crucial issues in the Kuroshio region.