

Closing ceremony

Prof. R.J. Bathurst
(President of the IGS)

Thank you very much for allowing me to say a few words at the closing ceremony of IS Kyushu 2001. The International Geosynthetic Society is very proud to have this conference held with its support. This symposium has continued the tradition of excellence that we have all come to expect from the three previous IS Kyushu symposia in 1988, 1992, and 1996. We have all benefited from the valuable exchange of technical information and the opportunity to renew acquaintances and to make new friends. I congratulate Professor Ochiai and his team for all the hard work which has led to an excellent collection of papers which will be a valuable addition to our reference libraries for many years to come. We have all enjoyed the hospitality of the symposium organizers and this beautiful city of Fukuoka. I would also like to thank the organizers for hosting the annual IGS Council and Officers meetings during the two days prior to this symposium. I am delighted to announce that at the IGS Council meeting, the Council approved the following two important conferences to be held under its auspices: The first is GeoAsia-2004 which will be held September 2004 in Seoul, Korea, and the second; the 8th International Geosynthetic Conference which will be held in Tokyo, Japan in 2006. I would like to close by reminding all of you of the upcoming 7th International Geosynthetic Conference which will be held in Nice, France next year (22-27 September 2002). I hope to see all of you there next year. Thank you very much again and congratulations.

Prof. J. Otani
(Secretary General of IS Kyushu 2001)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the President of IGS, Prof. Bathurst for his excellent closing remarks. We set the title of the proceedings, "Landmarks of Earth Reinforcement" at this time, and I believe that you agree with me that the papers included in the proceedings and the presentations, and this closing remarks by Prof. Bathurst are truly "Landmarks" of earth reinforcement.

As most of you know, this IS Kyushu (or Kyushu Conference) was started from 1988 and we already had four times including this time. But, we always tried to think as an individual symposium and to do our best for organizing all the technical sessions and other programs in each time.

This time of IS Kyushu was held under joint-auspices of not only Japanese Geotechnical Society but also TC9 (Technical Committee No.9) in the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. And of course, the success of IS Kyushu cannot be done without great support by IGS (International Geosynthetic Society).

In closing this IS Kyushu 2001, on behalf of organizing committee, I would like to thank all the special and keynote lecturers, chairpersons and other all participants for their valuable contributions and their earnest cooperation. And, I have to say thank the member of TC9 for their kind and professional supports. Without their supports, I do not think that we can have such a huge success in IS Kyushu.

Now, I have the duty and the honor to declare the International Symposium on Earth Reinforcement, IS Kyushu 2001, officially closed. And I would like to declare the start of new frontier for Earth Reinforcement Activities at this beginning of 21st Century.

Finally, I sincerely wish all of you have a safe trip to your home.

Thank you.