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## **ADDRESS**

It is my great pleasure that the OR Society of Japan could co-sponsor the 10th Annual Meeting of the Western Section of the Operations Research Society of America.

The OR Society of Japan was established in 1957, 7 years ago. Now it has about 160 qualified members and about 500 patron members and also more than 100 associated leading enterprises, covering almost all kinds of industry and public enterprises in Japan.

As a member of the free world, Japan has made a steady progress in the national economy since the end of the War. We cannot look over two main causes which promoted the development: one is the research and development of new techniques, and the other is the active utilization of new philosophy and techniques in the managements of enterprises, for the latter of which the OR Society of Japan has made an invaluable contribution.

However, although the Society has members amounting to 700, the number is trifle considering the large population of our country; and the operations research itself is not yet popularized among so many businesses and industries of this country. Introduction of OR to the non-military organizations of the government is less active compared with that to the private companies. I think we should hereafter make efforts for the wide pervasion of this new philosophy and technique among the nation as well as for the development of the OR theory.

On this occasion, I should like to appreciate the most kind help given to Japan by the members of the ORSA. Among the members of your Society, Dr. J. Walsh, Prof. P. Morse, Prof. W. Churchman and many others visited Japan and made a great contribution to the development of OR in Japan. I hope the interchange of OR workers of both countries will be more frequent in the future with this Hawaii Meeting as a momentum.

As you know, the Olympic Games are to be held in Tokyo a month later. As I am appointed the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, I cannot afford to leave Japan. It is my great regret not to be able to attend the Meeting, but I expect that the Japanese delegation will learn a great deal from you and deepen our mutual friendship on this occasion. The Western part of the States is not so far from Japan and I expect supersonic airplanes will bring us nearer. I hope we could have the meeting in Tokyo in the near future. Thank you.

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