

Welcome Address

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Ladies and gentlemen, good morning . . .

On behalf of the members, officers, and staff of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), I cordially welcome you to this 12th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Academy.

As in the past, we are gathered here to share with one another advances in science and technology particularly in the fields of mathematical, physical and engineering sciences, biological sciences, agricultural sciences, health sciences and social sciences.

Last year, we articulated at the very start of the meeting our prospects for science and technology (S and T) and the country's dream of becoming a new industrializing country (NIC) by the year 2000. We have outlined in the S and T Master Plan the strategies needed to attain this goal.

For this year's meeting, we will feature research management and sustainable development in addition to our regular scientific sessions. Research management is very important in scientific and technological pursuit to effectively and efficiently handle our limited resources.

Since we are aiming for an NIC status by the year 2000, we need to harmonize development with environmental conservation to achieve sustainable development. There is also a need to address the twin problem of poverty and environmental degradation especially in the Third World countries like ours.

I wish that our gathering for this year's ASM will be another milestone in our continuing efforts to expand our horizon and nurture our minds with the current advances on S and T.

May you enjoy listening from our speakers and participate actively in any of our scientific sessions.

Thank you and good day.

