

Opening Address (H.Kasai)

His Excellency Yoshio Tamura, Ambassador of Japan, Dr. Skenvic, Representative of the Ministry of Science, Directors and Staffs of Ruder Boskovic Institute and Institute of Physics, ladies and gentlemen, good morning!

As a co-leader of Japan-Croatia collaborative research project and a leader of the Japan side, I would like to thank you for welcoming us and for making our stay in Croatia memorable. Yesterday, we were able to tour the city and enjoy the sceneries, historical sites, the institutes and the nice weather and people of Zagreb.

We are one with Croatia side's view to bring back the momentum and maintain and improve our collaboration. On Japan side, we are open to venues not only to achieve the objectives of this project but to also deepen this partnership and most especially, our friendship. We thank you for the organization of this workshop and we are very grateful to share our researches and ideas with you.

Lastly, may I introduce to you a Haiku, Japanese poem. In my view, this is related to topics of this workshop.

As you might know, Haiku consists of 17 words and gives you something.

Let me introduce the one by a famous poet, Issa,

“ 露の世は露の世ながら、さりながら “

English translation is as follows:

The dewdrop world, It may be a dewdrop, and yet – and yet --.

The lifetime of a water drop is short, just dropping from the leaf of the tree onto the surface of the earth. Its life is just a second. Although its lifetime is very short, it still could have a big meaning, which we do not know. It depends on how you see it and your condition at this moment, just like in ultrafast dynamics and others topics of this workshop.

Again, thank you all for the very warm welcome!