

**The Delegates from Chiba University and Kyoto Sangyo University,  
Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, Head of Departments  
and distinguish guests:**

It is truly a pleasure for me to be attending the opening ceremony of the 2012 Joint Seminar and Graduate Forum in Science and Technology between Chiba University, Kyoto Sangyo University and the Faculty of Science Mahidol University.

Indeed, internationalization is an important facet in education and research activities of Faculty of Science, Mahidol University. We are actively seeking international collaboration that will strengthen research capabilities and enhancing staffs and student development. We are hoping to build a long lasting relationship with the renowned Universities such as Chiba University, Kyoto Sangyo University from Japan.

In fact, here we have active collaboration between Faculty of Science, Mahidol University with both universities. These activities ranging from exchange of graduate students, a dual degree program and today and tomorrow events that include staffs and students presentations.

Today, joint seminar program and the following graduate forum tomorrow will mark an important milestone for our continual relationship that supports the implementation of agreements for Academic and scientific co-operation. The activity will undoubtedly benefit all parties. This will be one of the concrete steps in fostering closer co-operation between us and truly encourage our scientific networks that will facilitate the delivering of highest quality education objectives.

I wish you all to have a completely successful seminar and scientific exchange. I now have the pleasure to declare open this special event of the 2012 Joint Seminar and Graduate Forum in Science and Technology.

Thank you very much.