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## Preface

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As Chairman of the Zinc and Lead Asian Service (ZALAS) for 1987, it is my privilege once again to introduce the Proceedings of an Asian Battery Conference.

The lead/acid battery is undoubtedly the foremost technology in the world today among energy storage systems. Both the lead and the lead/acid battery industries, with obvious strong mutual inter-dependence, strive to maintain the pre-eminent position of this durable product. Through dedicated and progressive research, development, and promotion, both industries are clearly determined to perpetuate, well into the long term, the leadership of the lead/acid battery and its outstanding contribution to modern society.

In support of this worthy aim, ZALAS, through the Second Asian Battery Conference, has again sought to ensure that the rapidly developing battery industries of Asia and the Pacific Basin have at their disposal knowledge of, and access to, a full range of the state-of-the-art technologies associated with the scientific complexities of lead/acid battery manufacture.

ZALAS was proud indeed of the gathering, and is most grateful to the expert speakers from 12 nations who shared their specialised knowledge on chosen aspects of battery production technology and on the progress of current research programmes. These activities will have an impact on both the production and the marketing of lead/acid batteries in the years ahead.

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