

Editorial

The Ceramic Society of Japan reached an important milestone in its history when, on 10 October 1991, it celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its foundation. The small group that came together in Tokyo in 1891 launched a Society which now has some 7,000 individual members and 600 corporate members. The Society plays a leading role in Japan with respect to the promotion of ceramic science and technology and to international cooperation in the ceramic field; it has made an outstanding contribution to the recognition of ceramic materials as a key element in the life of modern industry.

The Anniversary was celebrated in October 1991 in a series of events at Yokohama. The central point in the proceedings was a distinguished and gracious ceremony where the Anniversary itself was commemorated and where awards were given to members and friends of the Society who had made major contributions to its well being. Following welcoming remarks by Mr Inamori, the President of the Ceramic Society of Japan, messages of congratulation were brought by sister organisations including the European Ceramic Society represented by its President, 1989–1991, Professor Hausner. The address on behalf of the American Ceramic Society was made by the President, Professor Readey.

Awards were made to members and friends of the Ceramic Society of Japan as commendation for service in a number of sectors of activity. The recognised contributions included service on behalf of the Society and on behalf of the ceramic industry as well as work in promoting ceramic science, in promoting ceramic technology, in promoting regional activities and in promoting international collaboration between Japanese ceramists and colleagues overseas. Among awardees were Professor Hagenmuller and Professor Jack.

In association with the celebrations, the Society held its annual conference. There was also an international symposium at which scientists invited from overseas, including eight from Europe, made presentations.

We congratulate the Ceramic Society of Japan on the splendid achievement of one hundred years of existence and send best wishes for every success and prosperity in its second century.

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