

## Closing Remarks for the 10<sup>th</sup> IEA Heat Pump Conference 2011



Dear participants

Organizing committees of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Energy Agency (IEA) Heat Pump Conference 2011 had no choice but giving up to get participants to meet together at Tokyo, Japan as originally planned due to the aftereffects of the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and devastating tsunami occurred on March 11, 2011. Instead, we held the 10<sup>th</sup> conference online through the website, which was the first attempt for the IEA Heat Pump Conference. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all conference participants, conference partners, and industrial sponsors around the world for their kind understanding and support for the website conference.

The online virtual IEA Heat Pump Website Conference turned out to be as successful as a “real-world” conference, with the attendance of 377 participants from 26 countries or regions and approximately 1,500 visits and more than 16,000 total page views as of August 16, 2011. No doubt the numbers keep growing by the end of the Conference on August 31. We have renewed our awareness that the world has been paying close attention to heat pumps as one of the key technologies for global warming solutions. We sincerely hope that we can further promote the widespread use and improvement of heat pumps under the slogan “Heat Pumps – The Solution to a Low Carbon World,” which is the subtitle of the 10<sup>th</sup> IEA Heat Pump Conference 2011.

Due to the aftereffects of the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake, we could not meet in Japan for the 10<sup>th</sup> IEA Heat Pump Conference 2011. We will continue to be actively and tirelessly engaged in recovering from the twin disasters so that we can welcome you to the IEA Heat Pump Conference here in Japan sometime soon. Thank you very much for your continuous support.

Yours faithfully,

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