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Schlusswort

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Mr. President Professor Cosandey, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Now we are approaching to the time of closing the 10th Congress of IABSE held in Tokyo, 1976. I should say many thanks to members of the Executive Committee, the Permanent Committee, the Technical Committee, Working Commissions, Task Groups, Sessions Chairmen, Technical Advisors, General Reporters, Contributors, Discussors and Simultaneous Interpreters. Although our staffs of J.O.C. have made their much efforts to this congress, something troubles or deficiencies on the process of session-meetings have occurred during these days, as you know, however the Congress seems to be successful due to the kind collaborations and good will of all participants from 40 countries. I express my heartfelt regards to these generous participants more than 1,500 in number.

Members of IABSE in Japan and J.O.C. have to tell their most gratitude to the Executive and Permanent Committee of IABSE for the honour of the First International Award which was given to Professor-Emeritus Dr. Kiyoshi Mutō of the University of Tokyo for his contribution for a half century on the Earthquake Engineering on the Structures, various kinds of Vessels and Nuclear Reactors.

Moreover I would like to inform you that our Chairman of J.O.C., Mr. Inayama signed to accept that the symbol mark of the 10th Congress of Tokyo will be permanently used for the Symbol of IABSE. This symbol mark is originally designed from the simplest form of structure and the ancient Chinese character -- HITO -- which means human being. There are various view points about this symbol. I can take it as a bridge to tie countries of the world and also a home where people can rest. I am willing to present the flag with this symbol to President Professor Cosandey at this closing ceremony.

The next congress will be held in Vienna, Austria in 1980. I hope all participants to the 10th Congress will attend at the 11th Congress and will keep their mutual familiarity and exchanging their technical and scientific knowledges for the development answering the purposes of IABSE.

Thank you.

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