FOREWORD

As symposium chairperson, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the participants, authors, keynote speakers and committee members who have joined and contributed to the success of this symposium. COMODIA, started in 1985, has established the tradition as one of the best symposium to exchange the latest results of engine combustion research between Asian, European and US researchers. JAPAN as one of the leading country in this area, has been willing to take a role to host this symposium.

In COMODIA, we have focused on the engine combustion diagnosis and modeling which are the new frontier of this technology. Combustion is easy to start but the most difficult task to do well like a child which is easy to bear but difficult to bring up well. In spite of our efforts, this task becomes tougher because of the global environment requirements. We must continue our efforts to develop new theory and methods to solve these problems. I hope this COMODIA also gives a precious chance to those who are challenging this task.

NAGOYA is located at the center of JAPAN and is known as high technology region like, aerospace, fine ceramics and automotive industries. NAGOYA has also rich cultural tradition from EDO era.

I hope your stay in this city during COMODIA 2001 is the most pleasant and fruitful one.

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