

Opening Statement
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Mr. Chairman of the Organizing Committee,
Distinguished speakers, Professors Winick, Cornacchia, Allen, and
Batterman,
Honourable Participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to be invited today to open this meeting on the Applications of Synchrotron Light Sources. I was especially happy to learn that one of the speakers, Prof. Winick, was at Harvard which is also my Alma Mater where I received my Ph.D. in Physics almost forty years ago. So let me extend a very special personal greeting to him and to all speakers and participants from abroad.

I was also very happy to learn that four of the world's finest scientists were willing to stop over in Bangkok on their way back home and thus make this meeting possible. On behalf of all the participants here I extend to you our heartfelt thanks. Your time here will certainly bear fruit for science in Thailand. This meeting will

inspire us and will help us to prepare the conceptual report on the Thai Synchrotron Light Sources for submission to the government. This conceptual report is the second stage in making a Thai Synchrotron Light Sources project a reality.

I knew about the Synchrotron Light Sources Project from its earliest conception and I supported it from the very beginning. I saw to it that the National Research Council gave top priority to the first stage of the project, the feasibility study report, and am glad to see the progress that Professor Virulh Sa-yakanit and his colleagues are making.

The information that you give us today will, I am sure, pave a way for the success of the second stage, the conceptual report. You can help the local physicists and scientists to formulate the concept of a Thai Synchrotron Light Sources and serve as advisors to us as the project progresses to completion.

Although my career path has led me away from physics research and teaching to government service in planning, politics, business and industry, my heart is still with physics and science. I, therefore, see the value of the applications of the Synchrotron Light Sources project.

May I thank all those that make this meeting possible particularly the National Research Council and Chulalongkorn University and wish for the success of the meeting and the project.

Thank you.