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Dear colleagues, it is my pleasure to welcome you in the Kansai area of Japan, which has been the heart of Japanese cultural and industrial development for more than a thousand years. The vibrant centuries-long tradition of development from basic research and crafting to hi-end technologies is in every bit of this area. For instance, a small store producing precious components for traditional fashion three hundred years ago has grown up into a high-tech company 'Fukuda Metal Foil & Powder' these days. A pottery and porcelain manufacturer 'Kyocera' has become a major international player in semiconductor industry now.

It is a great honour for me to see so many prominent scientists and business-men with such a diverse background gathered here for the 6th German-Japanese Symposium on Nanostructures. This time, the traditional for this Symposium series spectrum of experts in hard powder and solid materials has been blended with experts in soft materials. The exchange with experience and ideas we expect to happen during the Symposium should allow shifting the borders and, possibly, horizons in the exploration of new materials. We hope, the comradeship cooked up in the bowl of OZ13 Symposium will eventually emerge in industrial technologies for Nanostructured materials manufacturing.

People do need the Nanostructured materials. Nanomaterials make our technologies more efficient, society more sustainable, and hence the human being happier. Organisers of the 6th German-Japanese Symposium on Nanostructures did every effort to make the hard work during it feel interesting and entertaining as a celebration. Therefore, I heartedly invite you to join the Symposium, and to celebrate the feast of achievement, the mitigation of Giga-problems with Nano-structures, and the transformation of today into tomorrow.

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