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Nanotechnology is a future technology that will improve our lives. Nanotechnology enables the optimization and development of new products. With this, e.g. Health Products can be optimized or products in civil engineering can be made more durable. This makes Nanotechnology to a sustainable driving force in all areas of the economy and a growth driver. The wide application areas, such as energy technology, health research or environmental technology, prove the enormous potential of this technology.

For Germany as the leading technology and industrial nation, it is elementary to be at the top also in nanotechnology. Already today there is a highly innovative community of companies working on the development, application and marketing of nanotechnology products. Tens of thousands of jobs are associated. Insofar Germany has achieved a leading position in nanotechnology in Europe. As a part of our high-tech strategy, it is important to expand and promote potential and application in our various industries such as automotive, mechanical engineering and chemical industries. In this, particularly medium-size companies play an important role since already today they are the major driver in the development and application of nanotechnology.

I am pleased that you are coming together again at Wenden to share on your already ninth symposium to share and exchange latest findings and ongoing developments in nanotechnology. Only through a close international cooperation, the enormous potential of this future technology can be accessed efficiently. Germany and Japan in that are connected by a versatile economic interdependence and in common industrial policy interests. This symposium is a building block of this close relationship.

I wish you all a stimulating exchange and a good course of the event.