

Welcome Message

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I would like to extend my welcome to all the members who have gathered in Hawaii to exchange ideas, discuss together and talk about of high energy physics. It will give us a great experience, because this is the first time to have performed to organize such joint meeting for particle physics Communities of APS and JPS, in the gathering place in Hawaii.

I am sure that it would need for organizers lots of energy to provide necessary arrangement, the members of program committee and organizing committee. I would like to express my thanks to all those people, especially the members of high energy group of U. Hawaii.

The joint meeting of JPS and APS was first held in 2001 for nuclear physics, followed by the in 2005. We learned many things each other on how to organize physics meetings, how the enjoy sessions, etc. Actually I attended the first joint meeting in 2001 to visit Hawaii just to attend the informal meeting “women in physics”. However I realized that nuclear physics session includes “neutrino division” which in Japan belongs to different division. Indeed the front of science would always find their frontier subjects and we are not always in the same place where we were. That was my experience at that time. Sometimes joint meetings of physicists of different culture may provide us new scope of physics. Of course we can have many kinds of joint meetings in the World, still most of them concern to specific topics or themes.

In Europe the so-called European Physical Society was born in 1968, and now it includes over 80000 members out of about 40 countries. It does always happen that joint organization makes us new scope of societies and activities of EPS have been extended to a variety of fields, for example, their issues of concern to all European countries are relating to physics education, not only at the university level, but also at the primary and secondary level. Also the network of over 180 universities facilitates mobility for physics students who wish to study in another country. Although this is just a part of activities of EPS, we can recognize that exchange of culture would bring us many fruitful things.

I wish that this first joint meeting may be successful and enjoyable for all the participants of The Joint meeting of APS and JPS, and may stimulate young particle physicists to do active work in the variety of fields for future physics