

Attendees of the Symposium,

The Governing Board, officers of the Plant Taxonomic Society of Korea welcome each of you to Korea-Japan Joint Symposium of the title, "Current approaches and problems of plant taxonomy."

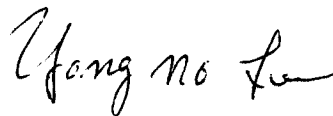
Plant taxonomy began as a relatively simple activity including only species recognition and classification, then evolved into a highly complex science. Modern taxonomy is now a broad field embracing many diverse avenues of biological study united by having concepts of species, phylogeny, and classification as a common basic core.

At this meeting, the speakers will discuss modern taxonomic approaches and problems at the different angles, such as cytotaxonomy, biosystematics, chemotaxonomy, palynology, and endemisms. I hope that in the midst of serious talking, you find time for a bit of fun. I trust the interchanges will be mutually rewarding.

Korea and Japan are very close in neighbour and much influenced each other in many ways, particularly academic information has been being exchanged actively. Such a necessity for plant taxonomists is now rapidly increasing, because of regional similarity and of similarity of plant taxa in two countries, Korea and Japan. I am sure this Symposium meeting can be an opportunity to take both a glance backward and a look forward, assessing our strengths and weighing any weakness, recognizing our future prospect of cooperation in diversity.

I hope this Symposium meeting would be a stimulating and revitalizing to all of you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yong No Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Yong No Lee, Dr. Sc.
President