Foreword

This symposium follows a series of similar events that have been organised every few years, hosted by different countries in this region with the recent one held in Kitakyushu, Japan. Malaysia is honoured to be selected as host for 2012 and I am deeply humbled and honoured to be elected as the chairman of this year's event. As all of us are aware, the main aim of this event is to serve as a conducive scientific platform, dedicated for scientists and researchers to address the state-of-art technologies in radiation safety and detection technologies.

A whole spectrum of topics will be discussed including radiation transport and shielding, radiation dosimetry, radiation and sensor technology, environmental radiation measurement and assessment, radiological risk management, radiation protection philosophy, policy and current radiological issues, and education and training. We had received astounding response for participation, either as oral presentations or posters, with a total of 115 paper submission. As a historic landmark, this symposium will be the first scientific event ever to hold discussion on the findings and calculations from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident in a special session. In this regard, I would like to commend and applaud our distinguished experts from Japan who have always been transparent, open and willing to share with us the findings and developments from the accident.

I would like to extend my thanks to the organising committee for their excellent effort and team work. Do mark your calendar for the next ISORD meeting (ISORD-7) in China in 2013.

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