

Welcoming Remarks

It is a great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 1st Workshop on Reactive Metal Processing subtitled “Recent Progress of Materials Processing” to be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) from March 17 to 19, 2006. The workshop is jointly organized by the Sadoway Laboratory at MIT and the Okabe Laboratory at the University of Tokyo (UT); it is held under the auspices of an international program titled “Core to Core Program,” supported by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

The workshop is intended to construct a global research center for reactive metal processing by exchanging the latest high-quality scholarly information and releasing excellent research findings to the world; this intention will be realized together with highly active researchers and graduate students invited from overseas. Today, we are truly pleased that we could invite many leading researchers from research fields in materials processing from the world. We believe that this workshop will lead to a close connection between all the participants and fruitful results on research through your contribution.

The 2nd and 3rd workshops are tentatively scheduled from November 16 to 17, 2006, in Tokyo and from March 2 to 3, 2007, at MIT in Boston, respectively. We hope that this workshop will continue and uphold the spirit of cooperation that exists between the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, MIT; the Institute of Industrial Science and the Department of Materials Engineering, UT.

Finally, we hope that you obtain useful knowledge and active partnership from this workshop. Further, we express our sincere appreciation toward all the participants for their academic contribution, the administrative staff and students in MIT and UT for their assistance, and JSPS for its financial support.



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