

**Opening Address**  
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Mr. Pairoj SANYADECHAKUL, Secretary General, TISI, representatives from Asian countries, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning.

I am Akio Kanaya, Executive Director of CICC.

Today, I am honored to have representatives from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Singapore, Nepal, Sri Lanka, participants of Thailand and Japan. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to NECTEC and TISI for hosting this seminar.

“Interoperability” is very important in Information Technology. This is the reason that the International Standard is important. Understanding more about IS will lead to the better implementation of your demands in the field of IT.

As you may know, standards have close relationship with not only technology, but also political powers. However, most people think standards are based on technical matters, having no relationship with political affairs. SEISA aims to tell people about this aspect to prevent difficulties arising in the near future for both your own cultural requirements and for better functionality.

This seminar explains the importance of Asian regional cooperation in Cultural and Linguistic Adaptability. Being the JTC1 SC2 Secretariat Country and host country of two important ISO Registration Authorities, the Japanese organizations, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Japan, the Japanese Standard Association (JSA), and the Center of the International Cooperation for Computerization (CICC), tries to explain the structure of International Standardization Activities.

This year, our seminar will focus on the topic of “registration,” especially SC2-, SC22-, and SC34-related registrations, such as glyph, cultural conventions and character code set issues.

CICC has made a “Data Book,” which has collections of the cultural conventions of Asian Countries. This year, we are planning to renew the information in this book and further understanding on the cultural differences of each participating country.

I hope you will obtain beneficial information through this seminar on how to develop a national standard that is harmonized with the international standard. The national standard will accelerate the implementation of national script into the ICT systems, avoid unnecessary argument within your country and maintain the interoperability of your national solutions within the world network. I will also discuss how to register these national standards.

Today, we welcome Prof. Shogo Sakakura, Dr. Eng., Director General of the Japanese Standards Association. I am sure his board experiences on Japanese Standardization Issues will give you valuable ideas.

I hope you learn a lot from this seminar, and take advantage of the IS development meetings.

Thank you