

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As 2013 draws to an end, I am delighted to have witnessed so many achievements throughout the year. For the NSRRC staff and myself, this year has been extraordinary, as we not only recalled the history but also embraced the future of Taiwan science.

In September we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the operation of TLS. After executing its mission for 20 years, TLS is unrelenting in performing proficiently – its beam stability attained 95.5 per cent and beam availability reached 99.5 per cent, the best record since the inception of operation. Meanwhile, TLS continually facilitated scientific output for researchers worldwide, as the quantity of high-profile SCI papers increased steadily over the years. It has thrillingly amazed the world with its productive energy!

On the other hand, the TPS project is progressing smoothly and dependably. It reached another milestone when the new activity center and the civil construction of the ring building were completed to quality expectations, and the assembly of interior ring sections began. After years of construction and preparation, we finally removed the fences around it, and showed again the beauty of the NSRRC campus to the society. We look forward to the forthcoming TPS commissioning, and anticipate the phase-I beamlines offering an expansive scientific probability for discoveries, inventions and innovations.

Concurrently, NSRRC maintained close interactions with both domestic and international scientific communities. We initiated academic collaborations with research institutes across the strait and developed prospective plans with medical centers in Taiwan. In addition, we organized numerous courses to manifest our endeavors in nurturing young and inquisitive minds.

These scientific and engineering feats are attributed to the synergy of our staff and our users. Finally I take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication throughout 2013, and their continuing support as we head into the foreseeable future. NSRRC will persistently strive to improve and to focus on the pursuit of science with a contributive and serving spirit.



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