

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The year of 2014 began with a high expectation and closed on a highly successful note as the newly-constructed Taiwan Photon Source (TPS) emitted its first synchrotron light from the storage ring and scored the success of its commissioning process on the last day of 2014. I am fortunate to be a member of the NSRRC team to witness this historical moment.

Starting August 1st, 2014, I began my term as the director of the NSRRC with the mission in mind to act as a communicator and promoter. I am a believer that our center should always have economic and social impacts. We not only provide a frontier research facility but also enable a nourishing environment for students and researchers who come to our center to conduct scientific investigations.

I would also like to tell you that passion is infectious. Since the first day, I have witnessed that my colleagues work together as a team to reach the milestones of TPS commissioning and are dedicated to the advancements of science and technology. The tremendous efforts resulting from users' devotion to scientific and technological explorations have led to many new discoveries. And our campus, after a long TPS construction period, has evolved with a new look and developed closer ties to surrounding communities. These developments are inspiring and undoubtedly add new momentum to our day-to-day operation.

The year of 2014 was also an eventful year. In addition to continuous international and domestic collaborations, the NSRRC has organized numerous international conferences. These activities not only increased our international visibility but also provided users with access to experts of relevant fields. In this coming year, along side with the existing beamlines in the Taiwan Light Source (TLS), six beamlines are scheduled to be installed in the TPS. The NSRRC will provide scientists with the world's brightest synchrotron X-ray source and continue to serve the scientific community, strengthen our connection to the society, and engage in relentless pursuit of research and development excellence.



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