

## THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE JAPAN ACADEMY

The Japan Academy celebrated its centenary with a series of commemorative events from January 17 to January 20, 1979. The formal Celebration Ceremony took place in the presence of His Majesty the Emperor in the Academy Hall on Thursday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m. Members of the Academy, representatives of 27 foreign academies and of similar organizations as well as many other guests participated in it.

The function was opened with an address by Dr. K. WADATI, the President, in which he gave a recollection of the 100 year history of the Academy and expressed the hope for further development of its academic activity.

Imperial words were then given by His Majesty. This was followed by congratulatory addresses by Mr. M. OHIRA, Prime Minister, Mr. Y. NAITO, Minister of Education, Dr. K. HUSIMI, President of the Science Council of Japan, and by Prof. J. HARMATTA, President of the International Academic Union (UAI).

The function was closed at 12:15 p.m.

The following events took place also in connection with the celebration.

*Wednesday, January 17, 14:00–16:00*

The President received congratulatory greetings and messages from the foreign academies through their respective representatives in the reception room of the Academy.

*Thursday, January 18, 12:30–14:00*

A buffet party was given in the dining hall of the Academy in honor of those who attended the Ceremony.

*Thursday, January 18, 16:00–17:00*

The representatives of foreign academies and of UAI as well as the Honorary Members of the Academy visited the Imperial Palace where they were given the honor of audience with the Emperor.

*Friday, January 19, 14:00–16:00*

A buffet party was given in the dining hall of the Academy with those who have had close connections in various ways with the Academy as the guests.

*Saturday, January 20, 19:00–21:00*

A farewell party was given by the President at the Imperial Hotel in honor of the representatives of foreign academies and the Honorary Members of the Academy.