

MRS-Korea Holds Inaugural Ceremonies

As interests in new materials and process technologies have increased in Korea, much interdisciplinary effort has been extended to the exchange of information and cooperation between researchers and scientists working in the fields of metals, ceramics, polymers, electricity, electronics, and other areas. To respond to the needs of the times and the demands for collaboration and communication, the Materials Research Society of Korea (MRS-Korea) was founded on February 23 this year.

The inaugural meeting of the Materials Research Society of Korea was held in Seoul, with 135 originating members as well as many other scientists attending. The ceremonies were graced by congratulatory addresses from Korea's Minister of Science and Technology, from Prof. R.P.H. Chang, president of the International Union of Materials Research Societies, and from Prof. S. Sōmiya, president of MRS-Japan, who also gave an invited lecture.

Dr. M.C. Chon, president of Chon International Co., Ltd. was elected the first president of MRS-Korea. Four vice presidents were also elected: Prof. J.T. Song of



Dr. M.C. Chon (sixth from the left), first president of MRS-Korea, with several of its directors and Prof. S. Sōmiya (fifth from the left), president of MRS-Japan.

Hanyang University, Prof. S.J. Park of Seoul National University, Prof. K.S. Maeng of Chungnam National University, and Dr. K.H. Oh, managing director at Hyundai Electronics Industries Co., Ltd.

MRS-Korea has pledged to promote technological interchange at home and

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