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## Special Message



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Participant of a regular course on Essential Petroleum Refining for Process Engineers (TR-9-85) offered in July 1985

I was indeed elated to be invited to speak at the 31st JCCP Symposium held in January 2013. My visit to JCCP brought back nostalgic memories of the lectures, experience and fun of participating in course TR-9-85 on Essential Petroleum Refining for Process Engineers from July 3 to August 2, 1985, more than 28 years ago. As a young engineer, the experience and exposure I gained from the course were quite fascinating, as it broadened my horizon and understanding of the petroleum industry and refining, in particular.

I vividly remember my fruitful interactions with experienced and seasoned refinery operators during the course. The field trips also offered invaluable insight into the country, the people and Japanese-style management. There is no doubt the scintillating experience I gained in the course has been of immense benefit to my career.

Judging by the organization of the symposium, I am convinced that JCCP has, over the years, sustained and maintained a very high standard of programs, and would like to commend the JCCP management and staff for keeping faith with the underlying objective of the organization.

The conducive and dynamic learning environment, coupled with dedicated faculties drawn from the industry, makes JCCP programs top level programs that are worth attending by future industry leaders. This is indeed a testament to JCCP's commitment to continuous improvement and drive for excellence.

Looking into the future, I see that JCCP will continue to inculcate knowledge of the industry to participants with a view to further bringing harmony amongst producer and consumer countries for the benefit of all.



*Mr. Yakubu's participation in a JCCP regular course in 1985  
(front row, third from left)*