

The Inaugural ACES Workshop was described by some participants as historic. Following is a selection of quotes:

*"[The Workshop] was highly successful in identifying issues for achieving the goal of ACES by presenting the current status of cutting-edge research on physical modelling for prediction ... I believe it is a historic meeting because of recent development in modern monitoring networks, especially in Japan, and of an urgent need for better modelling of earthquakes based on these data."*, Prof. K. Aki, USC, USA.

*"For the first time, the leading scientists from the Pacific Rim countries were brought together to discuss an integrated approach to understanding earthquakes ... The project is unique and time in terms of coordinating earthquake simulations in Australia, Japan, China and United States."*, Prof. D. Turcotte, Cornell University, USA.

*"This workshop will provide us with the frontiers of earthquake science"*, Prof. M. Mats'ura, Tokyo University and Director, Crustal Activity Modelling Program, Japan.

*"I believe this meeting will be remembered as marking the beginning of a paradigm shift in earthquake science."*, Prof. J. Rundle, Director, Colorado Centre for Chaos and Complexity and Coordinator, General Earthquake Model Group, USA.