

Opening Address

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Well, it is a personal privilege and pleasure of mine to begin this international symposium with my opening address. Junsaku Nakamura is my name and I am a faculty member of the Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science here in Ritsumeikan University and right now representing the research that I will introduce as one of my obligations.

Professor Asao, one of the most famous scholars in the field of English teaching in Japan, graduated from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies with a BA in the field of English language study, went to the US and graduated from Denver University with an MA in speech communication. After that, he also received an MA from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. His teaching experience began at his alma mater, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, went to Tokai University and came to Ritsumeikan 6 years ago. He now belongs to the Faculty of Literature and the Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science, specializing in Applied Linguistics, especially, English Education, and English language studies. His achievement is too much to be quoted in a short time, but everybody in the field of English teaching in Japan probably has read many of his articles written in the professional magazine called the *English Teachers' Magazine* published by Taishukan.

Well, I was given only a very short time and probably I am using too much time, so let me leave all the audience to the capable hands of Prof. Asao who is coordinating today's symposium. Prof. Asao, would you get the symposium on the road?