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Opening Address of JICSAP Chairman, Prof. Dr. Tsujii
at the foundation ceremony of new "JICSAP NPO Corporation" on
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It is my great pleasure to be able to announce you the foundation of the new
"JICSAP (NPO) Corporation".

JICSAP was established in 1993 as an NPO, and it has contributed a lot for
the standardization of IC-Card and its spread in Japan. At the time of 10
years of anniversary, JICSAP becomes an NPO corporation in order to
answer increasing diverse expectations quickly and to expand its activities.

Thanks to the great help and understanding of member companies, observers
from ministries, and the secretariat, the 10 years of JICSAP history can be
said as the steps and developments of IC-Card in Japan.

The form of the organization has been discussed from the beginning. Since
I took over the second chairman of JICSAP in 1998, we have again faced
the difficulties and limitation of NPO many times. In 2001, as Japanese
Parliament legislated a new regulation for NPO and NPO Corporation, it was
quite reasonable for JICSAP to apply such a new form of the organization.
The 2002 annual meeting decided the change.

The main advantages of a newly defined NPO corporation are;
  *   it can make a contract as an NPO corporation itself,
  *   it is NPO, but there is almost no restriction about its activities if they are
      satisfying the article of association
  *   there is less observation from competent authorities

With these new features, it is possible for JICSAP to play new and much
more important roles. New JICSAP Corporation can contribute better for
the coming IC-Card based society and its smooth transition.

Following projects are now in progress:

1. Development of Protection Profile (PP) for IC-Card used in e-Government
    Projects
This is collaboration with ECSEC (Electronic Commerce Security Evaluation

Council) and the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry. From August 2003, voluntary ID-Card, which is Multi Application possible and called "JUKI Card", is issued. The PP helps to extend the use of cards in e-Government in secure way.

2. Promotion of JICSAP Specification 2.0 for JIS and ISO
JICSAP has established its Specification 2.0 in 2001, which contains a chapter of "high speed transaction with contactless card". Actually this has already been used as SUICA since November 2001. SUICA is a transportation ticketing system, which is operated by Japan Railway East. Within a few months, it exploded and has got more than 6 million contactless-card users in Tokyo area. These technologies and specifications are not yet adopted by JIS/ISO, but new JICSAP continue to work for the adoption of its specifications, experiences and reality in nationaly and internationally.

In the payment area, banks have started to change their magnet stripe cards to IC-card. Mobile telephone operators are seeking new service with IC-chip. Toll gate system ETC and RF-ID in the field of logistics are also in use. JICSAP can help their standardization and spread, too.

Furthermore, the increase of concern about IC-Card (Chip) security and Multi-Application require our involvements, and asks JICSAP's continuous efforts and providing solutions.

As mentioned, new JICSAP Corporation is taking a lot of expectations and responsibilities for the coming IC-Card (Chip) based society. JICSAP promises herewith to do its utmost for the completion of these heavy tasks and to support smooth transition into the new world. Thank you.