

## **Prefatory Note**

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The economic impact of an aging Japan will not only dramatically reduce saving and wealth, it will cut off an important supply of capital for investment in research, innovation, new product development and manufacturing. When coupled with the multitude of uncertainties in the global economic markets, it becomes difficult to forecast the future and hence there becomes, by default, an appetite for pessimism.

Unfortunately we cannot hide from these issues and environment in which we have to live and work. It is in this environment in which I have been honored to be nominated to serve as president of RadTech Japan, this because it is also an environment which, out of necessity, will foster innovation and change, and therefore, this will be not only a time of challenge but also of excitement.

Since 1986, RadTech Japan through its membership in academia and industry have promoted the value of UV/EB technology through Japan and Asia, where in many industries it is now the manufacturing technology of choice.

Today RadTech finds itself in a rapidly changing world, one in which innovation and the rapid adoption of new technologies is the key to future growth and to maintaining the leading edge in a globally competitive market. It is also a world in which social responsibility is an even more important responsibility for all organizations. RadTech's strong foundations in academia and industry will ensure the strength of its ability to respond to the demands of the future.

A key to future success and to unlocking the benefits, of UV/EB technology will be our ability to continue to leverage the innovations of the academic institutions into tomorrow's manufacturing process and its new products for the global markets.

At an Executive Steering Committee meeting held following the RadTech Japan AGM held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, it was agreed that organizations strategic endeavor would be focused on "Technology Progress", "Market Growth", and "International Interchange".

The members of the Executive Steering Committee will be working together with the membership of RadTech Japan to establish concrete plans for execution of this newly defined growth strategy for the future of UV/EB technology.

With clear strategies, and a unified and committed membership RadTech Japan can ensure continued adoption and growth of UV/EB technology.

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