

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes  
for  
The New Year

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Dear friends,

I agree with fellows from north countries that time goes monotonously in tropics where we have no seasonal changes. It is inevitable that scientists tend to stay more in their laboratories as chances are scanty to exchange visits and to attend meetings. This year was exceptional to myself, firstly because several friends from Japan and Europe came and stay in my place in Bogor in early months and secondly because we had an event, the Second International Workshop on Green Polymers at Bandung-Bogor in October, in which a number of overseas colleagues participated.

A question to you who were not present at above workshop. What is it like if grated-radish, familiar to Japanese as *oroshi-daikon*, is dried? The vegetable as well as various fruits gives a nice sheet! No purification process such as required for wood pulping is needed. Will a day come in future when the resource of cellulosic material is replaced by estate crops and the felling of forests is prevented?

The year 2000 is ending with lots of political, economic and social turmoils not only in this country but elsewhere in the world. Let us hope that a good environment is restored in the new century.

Yours sincerely,

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