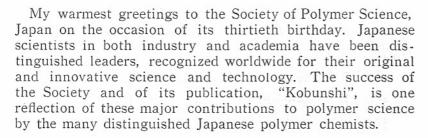
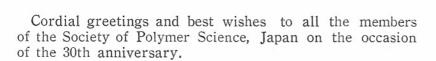
Research on synthetic polymers in Japan, which started in the thirties with the investigations of I. Sakurada and several other distinguished scientists, has undergone a tremendous development in the last thirty years. —Japanese Polymer Chemists, thanks to their great cultural tradition and unrivalled work capacity, have made, through their important and original work, a remarkable contribution to the very rapid development of Polymer Science in the world. Today they rightfully enjoy a very high reputation in the international scientific community. - It is therefore a privilege and a great honour for me to send to the Japanese colleagues, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the foundation of the Society of Polymer Science, Japan, my warmest greetings and my sincere wishes for continuously increasing success in research as well as in the industrial realisation of their findings.

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