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When I started my career as a physicist at KEK in 1973, the word "personal computer" did not exist; however, the advent of microprocessor chips such as 8008 and 8080 was so impressive to me and really made me get a glimpse of the future world changed by microprocessors. From that time we have witnessed unbelievable progress of hardware; now computers become personal and personal computers are almost as mundane as TV sets.

As all of you know that the progress of hardware is not directly connected to the progress of the use of the hardware. This is indeed true at personal computers. We may reasonably say that wide varieties of possibility is still hidden to us. This is why we are holding the PCaPAC'99 workshop. at KEK It is my belief that people should talk to each other and exchange ideas to create new and valuable ideas.

It is my great pleasure to work as chairperson of the workshop. I am looking forward to your participation.