Welcome to the 6th Annual Quartz Devices Conference and Exhibition.

As you know, this is the only "hands-on" conference in the industry. First solely devoted to crystals, the conference has expanded to start covering clock oscillators. I say "start" purposely because it is felt that considerably more attention must be paid to this fast growing and significant part of our industry.

As such, then, I urge you, your associates and peers to be looking toward the 7th Annual Conference by way of papers as well as vendors associated with the design and manufacture of clocks.

Both 1983 and 1984 have been explosive in terms of growth. Unfortunately, that growth has been little felt by U.S. manufacturers inasmuch as the Far East has absorbed a larger portion. It then becomes incumbent on U.S. manufacturers to improve their ways and methods to become more efficient and competitive. Through conferences of this nature, all of us achieve a better understanding of the technology and nuances of our industry.

As you are aware, this is our 6th Conference. From the first in 1978, attendance has grown from 150 to over 400, and the number of exhibitors from 13 to 25. The improvement each year indicates increased growth of interest and participation in our industry.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the chairmen and to Herb Rowe and his EIA associates who worked very hard to organize this conference. In particular, special thanks to the exhibitors, authors and attendees who make it work.

Have a good conference and exhibition.