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Energy and transportation are major world industries which are inextricably joined like intertwined vines. In the future hydrogen, solar, natural gas and other renewable fuels will dominate the fuels used for energy and transportation. Solar cars, battery vehicles, PHEV, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and natural gas vehicles, will dominate tomorrow’s propulsion.

The major questions here are which chemical energy will be available and when will it be available and/or produced for the transportation and energy industries. It is important that this transition from current to future fuels be done in an organized, secure and peaceful fashion. These fuels in the future ultimately must be natural gas, hydrogen and battery/storage chemicals. Electrochemical technologies to convert energy from one form to another will be needed for both the transportation and energy industries. Major questions remain for infrastructure and storage of both natural gas and hydrogen.

Japan is a unique country which relies heavily on imported fuels for transportation. Japan has launched a daring new policy, which would change the country into a "hydrogen society." A hydrogen society literally means a society where citizens use hydrogen as their primary energy source produced from renewable energy and use little or no fossil fuels. Japan would be free from the reliance on imported energy for transportation if it could generate renewable fuels in Japan. It remains to be seen if this policy will be fully supported by the Japanese government. The FCDIC is a remarkable organization in that all these major questions can be discussed by its members through the FCDIC meetings and publications.

The Fuel Cell Seminar and Exhibition is proud to be a member. I wish all of us success in all of our endeavors.
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