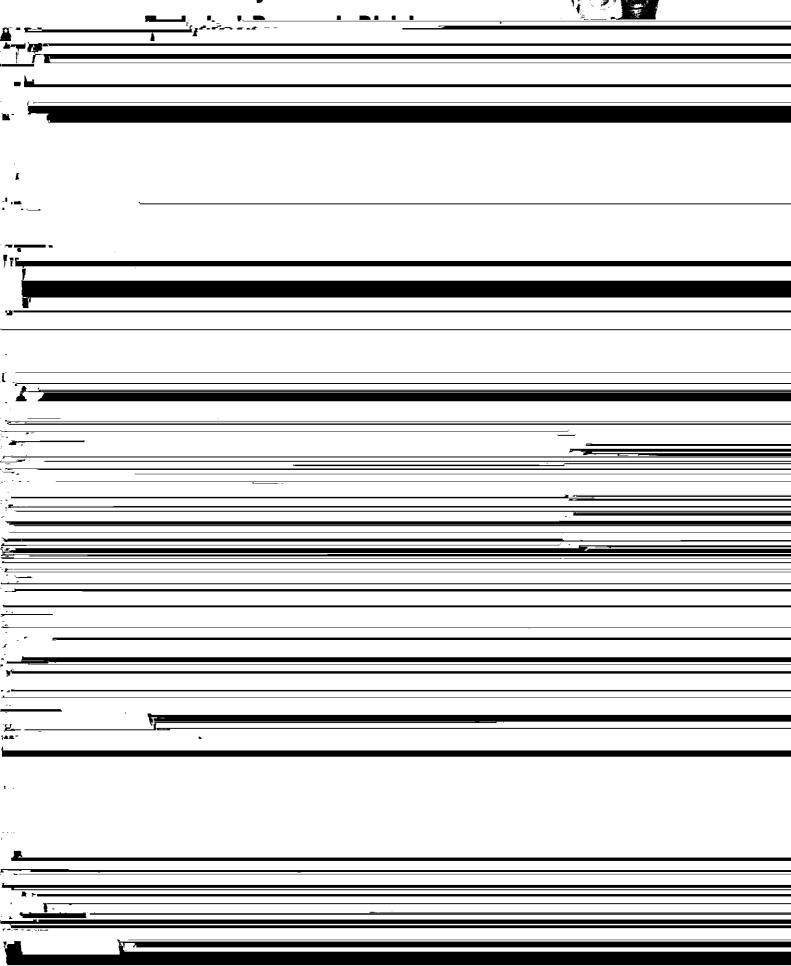
## In Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the KSC





The drive to create significant new technology, and then to continue to develop and elaborate the original concept, is spurred on by an R&D system which manage major long-term goals and stimulates individual creativity.

While this special edition of Kawasaki Steel Technical Report commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Technical Research Division by presenting our most recent technology, products, and system developments, it is my hope that this recognition of today's accomplishments will encourage our research staff in new materials, chemicals, and electronics to new and even more exciting work in the coming years.

In closing, I would like to express to all the parties concerned my sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind cooperation and assistance extended to us, together with my hearty request for their continuing support.