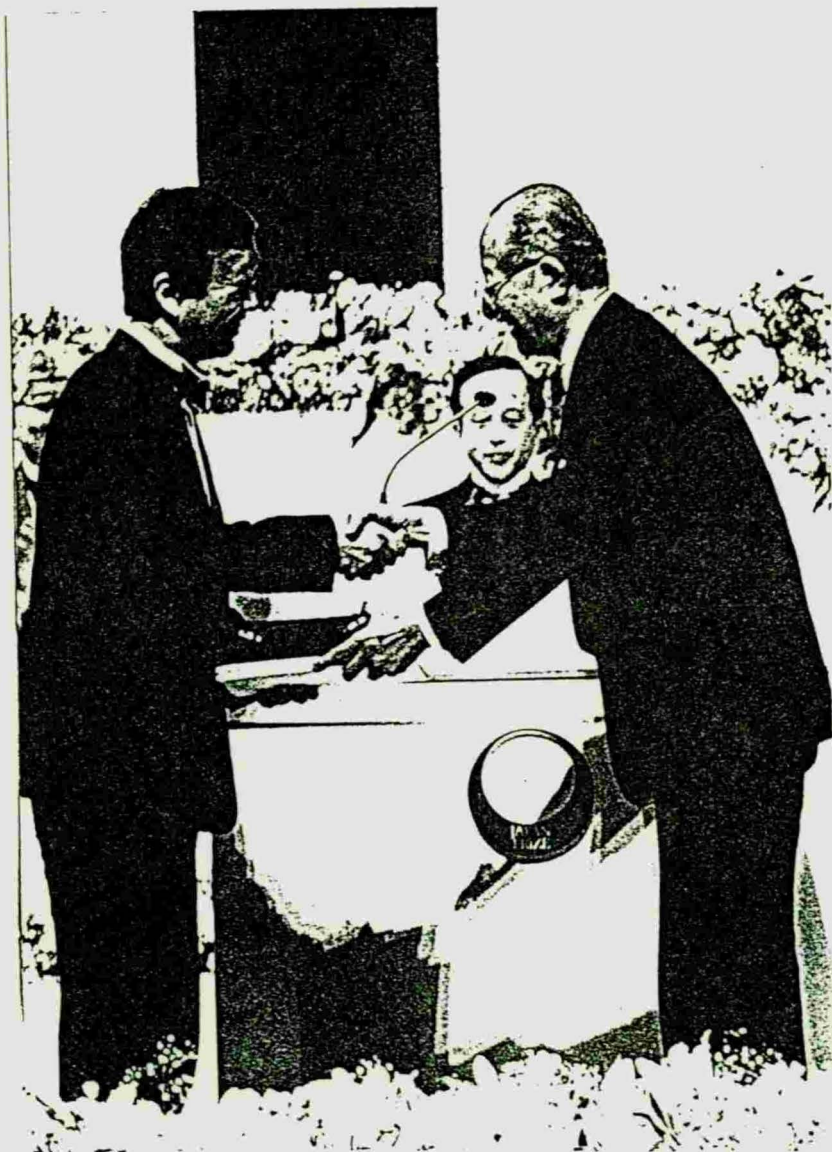


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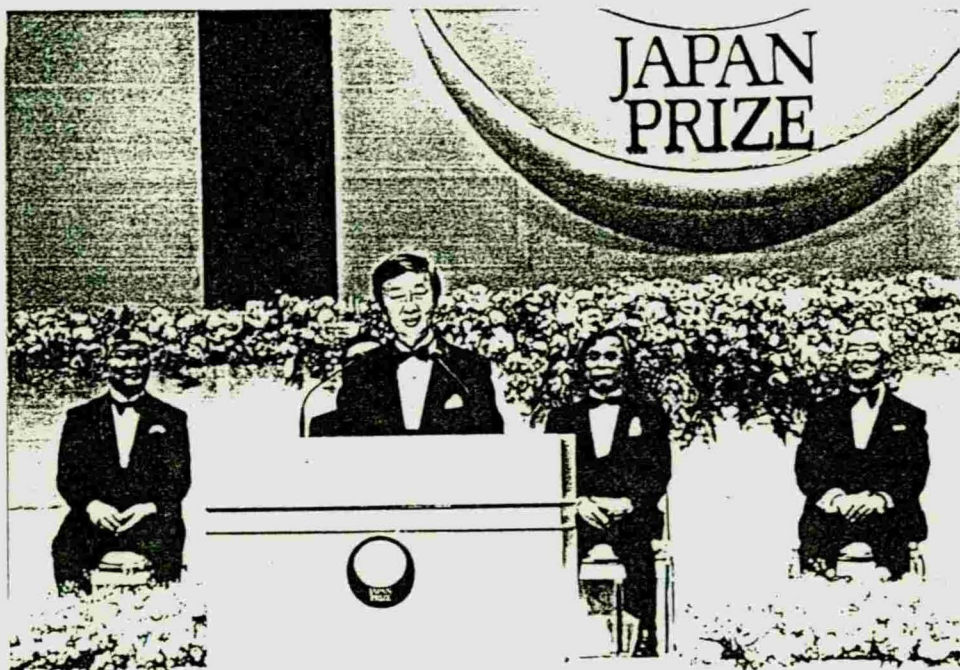
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Delivering his Japan Prize Commemorative Lecture entitled "The Dawning of the Information Age", Professor Kao, warns that natural resources might not be enough to sustain continual population growth in our post-industrial society.

"Telecommunications help us to harness information more effectively and is energy efficient, and thus hold the key to increasing productivity without expending more energy," he said.

Professor Kao's ground-breaking findings (in 1966) on the potential of glass fibres as a transmission medium for communication systems spurred research and subsequent commercialisation of optical fibre communications systems.

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- \* Note to Editors: The above photos will be sent via GIS press boxes today.
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