

Message from the retiring Editor-in-Chief

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As all of you see, the *Japan Journal of Industrial and Applied Mathematics* (JJIAM) has already twenty-six years of history, Vol. 1 to Vol. 26, inclusive of the first seven years while the journal was entitled the *Japan Journal of Applied Mathematics* (JJAM). The late Professor Yamaguti Masaya, the very founder of JJAM, served the initial thirteen years (Vol. 1 through Vol. 13) as Editor-in-Chief with three collaborating editors listed as “the founding editors” inside the front cover of each issue of the Journal. I served the following thirteen years (Vol. 14 through Vol. 26) as Editor-in-Chief, but I introduced the Area Editors system with three area editors who substantially supported the editorial works with their associate editors. I am certainly indebted to all those area editors and associate editors. I would thank also the liaison editors-at-large from the Japan Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics who constantly attended the regular editorial meetings and gave us valuable advices. The invaluable advices given from time to time by “Advisors” should also cordially be acknowledged. In summary, I have been more than happy that I could collaborate with all these people.

During all the twenty-six years, i.e. from Vol. 1 through Vol. 26, “Kinokuniya” has been responsible for the publication of the Journal, which will be taken over by “Springer Japan” beginning with Vol. 27. Taking this opportunity, I have resigned from the position of Editor-in-Chief of JJIAM, which will be succeeded by Professor Mimura Masayasu. Under the leadership of the new Editor-in-Chief, JJIAM will, I hope, develop further to an internationally and interdisciplinarily better recognized scientific medium in the world of industrial and applied mathematics.

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