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Four years have passed since I was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Marine Science and Technology* (JMST) in 2009, succeeding Dr. Yoshiaki Kodama. During that period, JMST has maintained its position as one of the leading journals in the field of marine science and technology. Our latest impact factor, using the ISI Science Citation Index System, is 0.845, which shows the increasing value of JMST as a platform for presenting and discussing the latest achievements of research and development in our areas. I thank all authors for submitting valuable papers and all reviewers and editorial committee members for giving helpful suggestions to authors and raising the quality of the papers. I have appointed Dr. Naoya Umeda as the next Editor-in-Chief of JMST. Dr. Umeda has served as Associate Editor of the ship dynamics area. I believe that under his leadership JMST will continue to play an increasing role in the advancement of marine science and technology.

Masahiko Fujikubo
Former Editor-in-Chief
Journal of Marine Science and Technology



It is my pleasure to announce that effective 1 August 2013, I succeeded Professor Masahiko Fujikubo of Osaka University as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Marine Science and Technology* (JMST). Thanks to the excellent leadership and efforts of Professor Fujikubo and his predecessors as editors-in-chief, JMST has established

an international reputation as one of the major academic journals in the field of naval architecture, marine engineering, ocean engineering, nautical studies, and related areas. The role of the peer-reviewed journal is crucial for the proper progress of science and technology. Because science and technology

are required to reveal novel findings and to contribute fruitful knowledge, precise, unbiased, and reasonably prompt judgments on the value of research are indispensable. In addition, the area of marine science and technology is responsible for human activities to wisely utilize ocean space and resources in the future. As our activities on dry land have almost reached the saturation point, we should utilize the seas with wisdom based on the relevant science and technology. So far, JMST has filled this important role with the effective cooperation of distinguished editors, reviewers, and authors, and now I promise to do my best as the new Editor-in-Chief to see that JMST continues to fill this role. I will greatly appreciate your continuing support for our journal.

Naoya Umeda
Editor-in-Chief
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