Greetings from the Editor-in-Chief of “Paddy and Water Environment”

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As the Editor-in-Chief of the international journal “Paddy and Water Environment,” it is my pleasure and honor to inform you that the eighth year of efficient and timely publications of the journal has been completed with great success. I am also pleased to inform you that “Paddy and Water Environment” has been selected for inclusion in Science Citation Index Expanded (a.k.a. SCI Search) published by Thomson Reuters as well as the Engineering Index of the SCOPUS database. The journal could not have achieved such fruitful results without your support. I would therefore like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your cooperation in getting all eight volumes published, especially to Drs. Soon-Jin Hwang and Yu-Pin Lin for managing editorial works.

The mission of “Paddy and Water Environment” is twofold: to provide a better forum for scientists, engineers, planners, and related professionals to exchange their research experiences, outcomes, and problems; and to facilitate the dissemination of information in order to solve problems associated with food production, resources and the environment on a regional and global scale.

Although the journal is relatively new, we have already received a large number of contributions (manuscripts) for publication from Asia, Africa, Europe & the Americas. We are very pleased that the number of contributions continues to increase steadily. However, at the same time, we are concerned about maintaining the required quality of scientific data/information on the subject. The total number of

manuscripts already published in “Paddy and Water Environment” is approximately 300. With the support of our publisher, Springer-Verlag, we have been using an online submission and editing system called “Editorial Manager” since 2009. At the same time, we have expanded the editorial panel to cope with the increasing number of contributions.

In the early stages of publishing the journal, we exhibited and distributed copies at related conferences, such as the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the World Water Forum, and the International Rice Congress, to promote the journal worldwide. Now, many articles published in scientific journals cite “Paddy and Water Environment.” Those journals include Agricultural Water Management, Hydrological Processes, Plant and Soil, Irrigation and Drainage, Irrigation Science, Soil Science Society of the American Journal, Journal of Hydrology, Journal of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering, Soil Science, and Transactions of the AEAE. The results are very encouraging, but we need to continue our efforts to develop the journal in order to increase the number of citations and achieve even higher evaluations.

Finally, I am very pleased to inform you that Dr. Masaru Mizoguchi, University of Tokyo, replaced me as Editor-in-Chief of “Paddy and Water Environment” on October 1, 2010. I very much appreciate your continued support for the journal.

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