Preface

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This special issue of the Journal of Oceanography (JO) is proffered to the results from the “Study of change in ecosystem and material cycle caused by climate change and its feedback in the western North Pacific”, commonly called the “K2S1 project”. This program was proposed and conducted by the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) with the cooperation of several universities.

This special issue consists of a short introduction and 13 original papers. Other papers from the K2S1 project, which are still in progress, will appear in coming regular issues of JO. We, the guest editors for this special issue, hope the scientific products will be useful and helpful for understanding comprehensive current oceanography and predicting its future change in the western North Pacific.

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