Message from the Editor

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Marked by the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, environmental problems and the control of them become an inseparable part of our life. The impacts of environmental problems on our society appear in every corner of the earth. Over the past three decades, while enjoying a fast speed economic take-off, China has faced big challenges from environment protection, including local pollution control and the obligations to global environmental protection.

The objective of *Frontiers of Environmental Science & Engineering in China* is to become a communication platform for environmental scientists, engineers and professionals by disseminating the most recent progress of environmental research in China and presenting related research in other countries. Over the past three years, we are committed to this mission. It is gratifying that the journal has become an important source of reference among scientists, engineers and other professionals in the topics covered by the journal and has been recognized by Science Citation Index since Vol. 3, 2009.

This achievement has built up a solid basis for the journal's future development. However, we do not intend to 'rest on our laurels'. We will make more efforts in raising its popularity to such a level that researchers recognize the journal as one of the first choices of publication in the field of environmental science and engineering in China. To achieve this goal, we need your co-operation and contribution. I'm looking forward to working together with you to make *Frontier of Environment Science & Engineering in China* a success we can all be proud of.

Finally, I would like to thank again the Editorial Board members, and all the reviewers and authors who put in a substantial amount of work during the past three years.

Yi QIAN
Editor-in-Chief