Dear Readers of and Contributors to Ocean Science Journal

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The journal covered following subject areas during the years of 2009-2011: (1) 58% in biological oceanography and marine biology; (2) 21% in physical oceanography and geophysics; (3) 9% in chemical oceanography and marine chemistry; (4) 8% in marine pollution; and (5) 3% in geological oceanography and marine geology. With its focus on biological and physical oceanography, the journal accommodates a wide array of research and academic topics in ocean science and technology.

The majority of OSJ publications come from Asian countries, comprising 74-86% during 2008-2011. South Korea takes about 30-50%. A notable number of article submissions are also from countries outside of South Korea, which shares regional seas in Asia with other countries. Although OSJ is operated and printed in South Korea, it publishes articles from all around the world beyond East Asian region and serves the world's ocean science community. Its expertise on Asian regional seas is being recognized as more important than ever, with the rapid growth of research by Asian countries in the field of ocean science and Asian regional seas. Thus, OSJ is gaining significant recognitions from a geographic and oceanographic point of view.

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OSJ aims to become an internationally acknowledged journal in oceanography that represents Asia, and it is currently enjoying a great popularity among oceanographers and marine scientists in the Asian region. Articles published in OSJ are submitted mainly by oceanographers and marine scientists researching Asian regional seas. In the future, we anticipate that researchers from around the world will share their research outcomes on Asian regional seas through OSJ and it will play an important role as a medium for scholarly communication with a regard to oceanographic research in Asia.

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