New year's greetings 2018 from the *Journal of Plant Research*

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As we begin a new year, I am very pleased to announce that this issue starts with a JPR symposium entitled “Semi-in-vivo developmental biology” under the supervision of Drs. Yuki Kondo and Shigeo Sugano. This JPR symposium focuses on recent attempts to analyze developmental processes and biological phenomena with the use of unique assays. Recent advances in studies for developmental processes of vascular systems (Blob et al. 2018; Kondo 2018; Oda 2018), grafting (Nanda and Melnyk 2018), cell-to-cell communication during plant fertilization (Kanaoka 2018), and circadian clock in plants (Muranaka and Oyama 2018) are reviewed. In a future issue this year, another JPR Symposium entitled “Floral development: re-evaluation of its importance” will be published under the supervision of Drs. Akitoshi Iwamoto and Kester Bull-Hereñu.

JPR has established a new policy for research data. We strongly encourage authors to ensure that data and materials integral to the paper are available to readers in a form that allows for verification and replication of the results in the paper. In particular, the DNA and RNA sequences, next-generation sequencing data, genetic polymorphisms, macromolecular structure, and microarray data are required to be deposited in publicly available repositories (where available and appropriate) or presented in the main manuscript or additional supporting files whenever possible. See the Instructions to Authors for detail.

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We wish you a Very Happy New Year, and we welcome submissions of excellent articles in 2018.

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