

## Editor's Comments

Zhejiang University, with a history of more than a hundred years, published a brand new English academic journal in the second millenium: *Journal of Zhejiang University (SCIENCE)*. Our Editor-in-Chief, PAN Yun-he, proudly invited T. D. Lee and some famous scholars as the members of the editorial board. The aim of our Journal is to present the latest developments and achievements in scientific research in China and overseas to the world's scientific circles, specially to stimulate and promote academic exchange between Chinese scientists and their foreign counterparts everywhere. This Journal covers subjects in Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Medicine and Social Science. We hope that in the very near future, the Journal will be recognized by scholars all over the world, and that the name of the Journal will appear in the most popular indexing systems.

### 1. Publishing a Journal in English to strengthen international exchange in academic researches

After the merger of Zhejiang University with former Zhejiang Agricultural University, Zhejiang Medical University, and Hangzhou University, it is now the largest university in China. Like most of the best universities in the world, publishing an English academic journal is a must for Zhejiang University. The *Journal of Zhejiang University (SCIENCE)* was first published in the first quarter of year 2000 and it included 85 pieces of work in the past four-quarters. The Journal itself represents the successes and progresses of academic researches in China and is also a forum for exchanging ideas and results of researchers from different countries.

### 2. An international editorial board for controlling the quality of the Journal

We know the importance of having a high standard and authoritative editorial board, a criteria for being chosen in SCI (James Tasta, 1999)\*; therefore our Editor-in-Chief, PAN Yun-he, took very serious consideration about who will be in the editorial board of our new journal. After discussion with the Associate Editor-in-Chief, CHENG Jia-an, they set two goals in the selection of members of editorial board:

1. The members must have more than three of their theses cited in the SCI during the past two years.

2. Invitation of some authoritative scientists and scholars like Dr T. D. Lee, the Nobel Prize Winner or Dr Walter Kaminsky et al., international honored scientists, to assist our editorial board from the beginning.

The replies from the scholars and scientists were positive. They accepted our invitation to them to help us publish the Journal. Because of the encouragement from scholars all over the world, we aim to do our best for the Journal even in every little steps, from drafting to publishing. We want that every thesis we publish to be a quality piece recommended by academics worldwide and that we can raise our academic level, and exchange ideas and technology from other countries. We are very grateful to Dr. Kaminsky and our Editor-in-Chief, PAN Yun-he et al., who published their works in our Journal in order to guarantee and set the high standard of the Journal.

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\* James Tasta, 1999. The ISI database: the journal selection process. Editorial Department, Publisher Relation, ISI, USA.