

JHHE --- its successful finale

I am pleased to have this opportunity to give a remark about the Journal of Hydrosceiece and Hydraulic Engineering (JHHE). Since 1983 the JHHE has been contributing to internationalization of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) by introducing Japanese research activities in hydraulics and related fields to the world and advancement of academic information exchange by calling for papers internationally.

The JHHE covers the fields of hydraulics, hydrology, river engineering, hydropower engineering, sanitary engineering, coastal engineering and new fields to be developed in the science of water-related engineering. The word "Hydrosceience" means that the papers concerned with fundamental principles, while "Hydraulic Engineering" is named in the sense that the JHHE emphasizes practical application. Thus, the Journal shall be developed by interdependency of both basic and applied sciences.

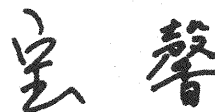
Established in 1914, the JSCE has been promoting various academic activities in civil engineering by composing research committees on various fields such as structural engineering, hydraulics, soil mechanics, infrastructure planning & management, concrete, construction technology & management, and environment & energy. The Committee on Hydraulics, one of these committees, has changed its name in 2004 as "Committee on Hydrosceience and Hydraulic Engineering" by using the same name as the journal to reflect the situation of wider range of activities in the water-related fields in civil engineering, not limiting hydraulics only.

The JHHE was not only published and subscribed in Japan but also distributed to many libraries in many countries of the world. I would like to introduce one episode relating to this information dissemination to the world. One of my papers was published in the JHHE in 1985. Immediately after that, a professor in the University of Washington, Seattle, USA, wrote me a letter (at that time no e-mail system in the world!) indicating a number of reference papers that were not cited by my paper and kindly suggested me to learn those papers in order to upgrade my research work. I learned something about international cooperation through this episode, when I was still young. Likewise, the impact of JHHE is significant and it has potential abilities to disseminate latest outcomes of Japanese researchers to abroad timely and effectively.

I would like to congratulate the JHHE on its success during 30 years so far for continuously providing useful and timely information and assembling a great number of

valuable papers in the field of hydrosience and hydraulic engineering in its thirty volumes. Closing down with a remarkable success, the JHHE will be reformed as a new international journal, Journal of JSCE, to be first published in 2013. I believe that JHHE's 30-year experience and activities should make the new journal more strengthened and internationalized with a wide range of water-related topics of high standard and novelties of quality.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Committee on Hydrosience and Hydraulic Engineering, I am very much grateful to Professor Keiichi Toda, current and final Editor-in-Chief of the JHHE, and his editorial team members, former editors and all the members for their continuous and active contribution to the JHHE Editorial Committee. Again, I would like to extend the JHHE our congratulations on its successful finale.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of two characters: '卓' (Takara) and '馨' (Kaoru).

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