

NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL OFFICE

Our former Editor-in-Chief, Dr Jimpei Harada, has retired after seven years of service with Rigaku Corporation. He has served as a Senior Vice President and the Director of X-ray Research Laboratory of Rigaku Corporation. His retirement does not mean that he is cutting himself off from Rigaku Corporation. He is now a Senior Advisor for Rigaku Corporation and will continue his involvement with the R&D activities of Rigaku.

Our new Editor-in-Chief, Dr Hideo Toraya (Fig. 1) is a Vice President and the Director of the X-ray Research Laboratory of Rigaku Corporation. He obtained a Ph.D. degree from Tokyo Institute of Technology in 1980. He joined Nagoya Institute of Technology in 1984 and became a Full Professor in 1994. He retired from the Nagoya Institute of Technology and joined Rigaku Corporation in 2003.

Dr Toraya produced brilliant achievements in unknown-structure determination and lattice-constant refinement with powder-diffraction data. He developed useful software in this field including PRO-FIT, WPPF, or PFLS. An innovative diffractometer he developed in 1995, called MDS (Multiple Detector System), is used at PhotonFactory as a powerful tool for high-speed powder-diffraction measurements. He received many awards including The CrSJ Award in 1991 and CerSJ Award for Academic Achievements in Ceramic Science and Technology in 2001. Dr Toraya is a Fellow of the International Centre for Diffraction Data.



Fig. 1. Dr Hideo Toraya