

From Editor

From the first issue of *SPACE JAPAN REVIEW* in 2006, new officers of AIAA-JFSC headed by Dr. Hirata, new President started work, aiming the further growth of satellite communications business and technology in the world and in Japan.

In Dec.05/Jan.06 issue of *SPACE JAPAN REVIEW*, we have the honor of having the words by Dr.Tachikawa, President of JAXA as Executive Comments. Also, it is our pleasure to provide the paper on the trends of optical space communications technology R&D by Dr.Toyoshima of NICT.

We always greatly appreciate the support to AIAA-JFSC activities by Prof. Helm of George Washington Univ. In this issue, Prof.Helm kindly contributed his latest paper presented at IAC2005 in Fukuoka. We believe that this paper would be very suggestive for many readers who could not attend the IAC meeting last year.

We feel very happy if the readers would send the comments for this issue, and we hope that *SPACE JAPAN REVIEW* would be helpful for many readers this year. (T.U.)