



CONGRATULATIONS

I want to add my warm congratulations to the Japan Forum on Satellite Communications for the 50th addition of its Space Japan Review (SJR). I have always enjoyed reading and contributing to the SJR, and especially appreciated the excellent interviews of top satellite executives.

My long-time colleague, the late Prof. Burt Edelson, always reminded me of the global benefits of satellite communications. So after talking to Dr. Takashi Iida and others, I recommended to the AIAA Technical Committee on Communications Systems (TCCS) that we should change the practice of having all of our international conferences in the U.S. Then, I recommended that we go to a four-year rotation with a yearly conference in the U.S., Asia-Pacific, U.S. and Europe. After much discussion, the AIAA TCCS voted unanimously for this four-year rotation. The Japan Forum was thus organized to host the first, and subsequently the second, International Conference on Satellite Communications Systems in Japan. These Conferences were very successful, especially in increasing the involvement in satellite communications throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The Japan Forum is also making good contributions by publishing the excellent SJR and conducting good networking events for satellite professionals.

Again, congratulations to the Japan Forum and its 50th SJR. I look forward to reading many future issues.

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