

## *New Year Greeting 2009 from SJR Editing Committee Members*

**A** Happy New Year. We expect this year that the space field will have a big change from conventional one by the Space Basic Law that was concluded and enforced last year. In the field of national security, it is in particular necessary to watch the future development of satellite communications carefully since its worldwide importance increases more and more in the field of national security. We are going to greet the tenth year this year since the AIAA-JFSC started, which just handles the satellite communications. We would like to thank for this with a gift of cooperation of all of you. We appreciate your continuous support for the JFSC.

*Takashi Iida, Editorial Advisor*

A Happy New Year to all subscribers, I express my sincere appreciation for your interesting in our SJR over the year.

In the last year, the basic law for space development in Japan was approved by parliament and it is expected to us that the Japanese space development policy will be modified gradually to expand the activity. Unfortunately, financial crisis was generated from U.S.A and it had expanded to worldwide including Japan in the late of last year. In another hand, it is continued to request that the protection against natural disaster occurred by global warming should be taken urgently. Both human made and natural disaster are covering the all of earth. At Inauguration of the new president in USA, he has expressed that national harmony in races and new responsibility are necessary to create new era in the world bases. We expect that harmony in nationality and new responsibility among international including development country are required for space development activities.

The WINDS has launched in the early part of last year in Japan. This is good news for us to show the further interesting of the development activity in the field of the space communications. It is expected to develop the sophisticated technology for the advanced satellite communication technology. I expect that it makes Japanese nation interesting into space development activities in this year.

Look forward to interest the activity of SJR in this year, too.

*Susumu Kitazume, Editing Member*

A Happy new year! The Space Basic Law was approved last year in Japan. We would like to provide information about what changes will appear to the space policy and the space industries in the future by putting antennas widely around us. Recently, the fourth generation communication satellite, launched by INMARSAT this year, had a new satellite communication network, which covers the entire earth, completed and INMARSAT BGAN

service using small antennas is being accelerated. Moreover, the restoration of the Iridium satellite services and the start of satellite-based broadband services by Thaicom in Japan will make us expect something new changes in the satellite industries in the near future. We appreciate your continuous support to the Space Japan Review this year!

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