

## *Greeting from Editorial Members, 2010*



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**A** Happy New Year. The year of 2010 has come and this means the so-called “Zero Year Era” is over. We had a big change of Japanese government last year, so it is not yet clear the effectiveness that the Space Basic Law is enforced. But since the importance of satellite communications increases especially in the field of the national security, we expect this year that the satellite communications expands more and more. We would like to enrich the content of the *Space Japan Review*. 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 space basic plan with originally settled in the basic law for space development in Japan was approved by parliament and the target of about ten years term from now of nine main needs for satellite development and utilization were shown with current status. It is anticipating the progress of the space policy development. And it is expected to us that the Japanese space development activity will be gradually expanded. On the other hand, the New Administration by the Democratic Party established after the General Election in last August in Japan, so a big policy changeover happened to a political policy in Japan. The new government tries to review current business plan without any exception for the space policy, and a big policy change was requested on the development matter for any field of policy plan including space development activity.

However, the thing that space technological development activity greatly contributes to the field of earth observation technology as measures for controlling global warming which is

one of main policy of the new government.

After passing the honey moon time when a new political power established, it is the time now that the Hatoyama political power has to work seriously on the recovery of economic status which Japan is behind from all country in the world and quick economic recovery is expected. Promotion of the Asia Pacific region community is one of main policy of the new administration which will expect for cooperation at a regional level including development countries in Asia with harmony, and the sharing of responsibility to arise in the area of space development. The application experiment of WINDS is promoted well, and the result is reported in the symposium. The necessity of the development of a new advanced satellite communication technology is expected to be admitted and to be promoted.

The launch of the first quasi-zenith satellite is scheduled in summer of this year. 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*

The economic environment was a very severe year as the all-time low was recorded after burst of the economic bubble in 2009. A space basic plan that is the national strategy over the space policy whole is settled on on the other hand, and 2010 year is recognized an important year for a bright future perspective as this strategy execution first year.

To feel the satellite also that is the critical infrastructure that supports safety and safety to be more familiar, I want to bear the article edit in the reader eye line in mind.

Please continue your favors toward cooperation and the continuation of related all of you.

*Isamu Kobayashi, Editorial Member*

A Happy New Year My professional duty has returned to the space-related field in the middle of last year though it was away from the space. Since opportunities to attend international conferences for satellite communications technologies like AIAA will increase this year, I will try to cover the latest space technologies and interview with people who are working for the space technology fields in order to improve the content of our magazine. In 2011, the international conference of AIAA ICSSC will be held in Japan. I would like to bear a variety of information for this activities. We appreciate your continuous support to the Space Japan Review !

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Chief Editor*