

### Editor's Comment

In this issue, important words from two key gentlemen at the satellite communications policy office of the Japanese Government are provided, in addition to the article which briefs the overview of Japanese Government policy in satellite communications/broadcasting.

For the support of the important Government policy, the early return of H-IIA to work is eagerly desired.

Dr.Albrecht of ILS addressed his challenge to assure the continuous launch success to satisfy customers in "Interview with CEO"

Furthermore, the paper by Prof.Helm of GWU will give you the very suggestive message in regard to the role of broadband satellite communications. (T.U.)