

This is the 30th issue of Space Japan Review. 1st issue was published in February 1999, nearly four and half years ago. In March 2000, a first Anniversary special issue was published, in which Dr. Sekimoto, first Chairman of the AIAA Japan Forum on Satellite Communications, appeared in the Special Report, and Dr. Taniguchi, current Chairman appeared in the Interview with CEO, this, I believe, implicitly predicted the success of the AIAA Conference and Exhibition in Yokohama this April.

AIAA Japan Forum on Satellite Communications will enter a new term with 3<sup>rd</sup> Chairman and new Board Members in October. Though the Japanese economies as well as the satellite industries are still struggling, new Forum members will do their best to promote its activities including publication of Space Japan Review. Your support and comments for the Forum and for Space Japan Review are much appreciated.

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