

## EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

### A SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF JAPAN

Since the Operations Research Society of Japan was established in 1957, 50 years passed. On celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of ORSJ, several special events were planned by ORSJ. Among them, it was planned to publish a special issue of JORSJ (Journal of the Operations Research Society of Japan). The main editorial idea of this special issue is to ask young (not too old) outstanding OR researchers in Japan who will greatly contribute to the future of ORSJ to submit an original paper of high quality. The other intention of this special issue is to increase the reputation of JORSJ among OR communities in other countries by demonstrating its high standard. Based on this idea, we sent call for papers to those who were nominated from the committee which was organized to select appropriate candidates. Upon call for papers, we reviewed the submitted papers and finally accepted 16 papers. Papers were reviewed based on the rigorous standards of JORSJ.

The research fields of operations research are widely spread and thus the papers appeared in this issue deal with various topics such as mathematical programming, discrete system, combinatorial and network optimization, queueing theory, software reliability, financial engineering, AHP, location problem and scheduling. We are very happy to say that all the papers in this issue are of very high quality even if compared with those in the other first-ranked journals in the field of operations research. There are two papers which are still under review process. We hope they will appear in the next issue. We would like to thank all the contributors and referees for their great efforts. We also thank Prof. Susumu Morito, Prof. Masakazu Kojima, Prof. Konosuke Kawashima, Prof. Masakiyo Miyazawa for the committee work to nominate appropriate candidates of authors. We finally gratefully acknowledge the dedicated work of Ms. Keiko Fukuda, Secretary of JORSJ Editorial Office.

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