

Preface

The first Japanese Conference on Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis was held in Osaka in 1965. The success of the first and subsequent conferences lead to the establishment, in 1974, of the Japan Society of Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis (**JSCTA**). Since then, the Society has grown year by year, and today has more than 800 members. The scope of the Society has also been enlarged and now covers a wide variety of fields including materials science and engineering, biological and medical research, environmental technology, etc.

One of the activities of the Society is the publication of the journal "*Netsu Sokutei*" ("Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis" in Japanese). This far, the journal consisted of four issues a year constituting one volume. The original intention of the journal was to provide a discussion forum for the members of JSCTA. However, recently the number of contributions from foreign, non-member authors increased significantly, reflecting the widening international recognition of our society. The Board of Directors of JSCTA has therefore decided to increase the space of the journal in order to meet the increasing demand for space from foreign authors. Consequently, this year's volume (No. 24) and the following will contain 5 issues of the journal, the additional issue of the journal being reserved solely for papers written in English.

The Society and the editors of "*Netsu Sokutei*" are now working hard for the realization of this initiative and express their hope that it will contribute to the worldwide advancement in thermodynamic research.

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