

Editorial

It is our great pleasure to issue our journal "Global Environmental Research" which aims to disseminate the results of studies on global environmental issues, studies conducted not only in Japan but also in other parts of the world. Many scientists monitor research in their own fields, but communications between scientists are not always easy, because the ranges of their fields are so broad, subjects are so diverse, and reports may not be written in an internationally spoken language. This journal is intended to help fill these gaps.

A language gap often exists for Japanese scientists. In recent years, many reports, publications, and other forms of information have been released relating to Japanese studies on global environmental issues, but only a small number of them are published in English. Accordingly, one purpose of "Global Environmental Research" is to provide information on Japanese research results to scientists, internationally and in a timely manner.

Relatively speaking, exchanges of information among the Asian and Pacific regions on research results relating to global environmental issues are inadequate because of local language barriers and limited opportunities to present results. We hope that "Global Environmental Research" will help to solve these problems simultaneously.

International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change (HDP), and other international and interdisciplinary programmes are now producing a lot of important results. Many government ministries and agencies are providing considerable budgets each year for studies on global environmental issues. The results of these studies need to be distributed world wide. We hope this journal will also make a contribution to this end.

It was said that title of the third scientific symposium of the HDP "Global Change, Local Challenge" recognises that global changes are the results of a variety of local activities shaped by particular cultures, histories, political boundaries, and national policies. We are certain that "Global Environmental Research" will serve as a transmitter of information on local activities about global change.

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