

<President's message>

On March 11, 2011, the East Japan Earthquake and tsunami brought on unprecedented tragedy. This and the resulting Fukushima nuclear crisis have victimized tremendous numbers of people who, even now, are forced to live refugee lives, filling me with great sadness. I pray for souls of the deceased and wish from the depths of my heart for the well-being of all victims. Though some of our member corporations were also affected by the disaster, we were fortunate in that there was no major human damage. Our association is fully committed to contributing as much as possible to recovery.

It is in these disturbing times that I have taken on president of our association. In order to overcome this challenging period, I intend to carry on with and expand on the reforms to the association administered over the past four years by Mr. Atsushi Horiba, the previous president.

Our association's mission is to raise the quality and performance of analytical instruments and to advance the analytical instruments industry, thereby contributing to the growth of Japan's economy and the enrichment of the cultural lives of its people.

At present, the government has devised a new economic growth strategy that sets for the country the critical goal of implementing innovations in green technology and lifestyle. This has put the spotlight on analytical and measuring instruments, tools fundamental to the realization of these innovations.

Against this background, we are focusing our efforts on the following five areas.

1. Enhancement of cooperation for technological capabilities

By strengthening cooperation between research and industry, the industry-academia-government network will be solidified. Specifically, we will implement initiatives that, by increasing opportunities for cooperative exchanges, will provide a nurturing environment for the development of new analytical instruments with government support. Crucial to this is the deepening through such initiatives of cooperation between corporations incorporating Japan's strengths (such as venture companies, small and medium size enterprises with special processing technologies, world leading automobile, electronics, and chemical industries). This will enable us to provide state-of-the-art instruments and related products adapted to our ever changing society.

2. Information reception and dissemination

I believe in the importance of the reception and dissemination of information. One is the rapid dissemination of information, such government policies and regulations as well as new technologies, to our corporate members. Second is the implementation of initiatives, such as advising on government policy. Third is the raising of international presence by the worldwide publication of association activities. We aim to use these initiatives to facilitate member corporations and improve technological capabilities.

3. Joint holding of the Analytical Instruments and Scientific Instruments Expositions

JAIMA's major event, the Analytical Instruments Exhibition, has evolved into a joint analytical and scientific instruments exhibition. We will execute this year's show as originally planned. This is based on the recognition that, though the disaster's effects must be considered, it is precisely because of such challenges that, especially from the point of view of recovery, it is crucial to hold the equipment exhibitions upon which the foundation of industry rests. In this respect, we will endeavor to achieve maximal reductions in electrical consumption for a truly "eco" exhibition.

4. Globalization

With the Asian cooperative project of the Japan/USA/Europe cooperative project ALSSA-EUROMII-JAIMA on track, I would like to seek more new exchanges. Additionally, to fulfill JAIMA's leadership role in Asia, we will give even more consideration to the globalization of the Analytical Instruments Exhibition.

5. Medical innovation initiatives

New analytical diagnostic technologies are on the horizon. While surveying what kind of diagnostic technologies are on the horizon, we would like to promote the admission into our association of corporations related to these developments as part of our response.

Through the various means described above, I intend to devote what efforts I can to the growth going forward of JAIMA. I look forward to your support in achieving our goals.

Inquiries regarding this topic

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