

*The Journal of the Acoustical Society of Japan (E)*

With real satisfaction we welcome the English version of periodical of the Acoustical Society of Japan, *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of Japan (E)*.

Many of the papers in this periodical, which has appeared essentially in the Japanese language for many years, have been published in English. In addition the Editors have done much to bring the other papers closer to the international scientific community by publishing their abstracts, figure and table legends etc. in English. All these efforts have contributed to establishing a very good opinion of the investigations of Japanese acousticians and their Journal in the scientific world.

Nevertheless, in many cases, the language barrier has caused the periodical to contribute only partially to the international exchange of scientific information. This incomplete share of Japanese acousticians in this exchange was also felt by the Acoustical Society of Japan which, after analysis of the situation, decided to publish an English version of the journal of the Society each quarter of the year and to invite scientists in other countries to submit their papers to it, which will doubtless give the periodical a more international character.

Archives of Acoustics wishes every success to the Editorial Committee of the Journal of the Acoustical Society of Japan.

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