

EDITORIAL

A message from the new Editor-in-Chief

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I am honored to assume the responsibility of being Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of *Hypertension Research*.

For the last 4 years, 2004–2008, the editorial committee has been successfully managed under the strong leadership of the former EIC, Professor Kazuyuki Shimada. During his term as EIC, the journal achieved the fundamentals required to become an international scientific journal, successfully obtaining an impact factor of 3.177 in 2006 and 2.951 in 2007.

Although this journal is based in Japan in conjunction with The Japanese Society of Hypertension, the journal welcomes and highly appreciates contributions from all over the world. The importance and significance of the work it publishes is reflected in its international subscriptions and readership outside Japan. To maintain this high standard, the new editorial committee will continue to make every effort toward improving the quality of the journal. Moreover, the new editorial team is considering how the excellent subjects within hypertension research should be submitted to *Hypertension Research* to maintain and develop its status as an internationally highly acclaimed journal. We are receiving advice and help in achieving our goals from an outstanding and well-experienced International Advisory Board, and have invited new Associate Editors and/or Editorial Board members.

My own field of study is the basic mechanism of pathogenesis of hypertension and consequent organ damage closely associated with clinical research in hypertension. However, I can assure you that the journal will not be limited to a restricted area of hypertension research. We will publish the best of all areas of hypertension research and are therefore looking forward to your submissions of excellent manuscripts to *Hypertension Research*.

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