

Message from the 95th President

"Weaving" the future

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It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the 95th President of the JSME. I am greatly motivated by the challenges ahead. This year, the JSME celebrates the 120th anniversary of its establishment. The JSME not only has a long history of 120 years but also is one of the largest academic societies with a membership of approximately 35,000 members. This enables the JSME to play a significant role in industrial development in Japan as well as worldwide. I will endeavor to do my best to succeed to the achievements by the previous executive board members, who established and developed the JSME to where it currently stands and also to ensure the further development of the JSME in cooperation with the president-elect (next president), vice presidents, executive board directors, members, and secretariat.

In the 94th presidency, the management policies and activities of the JSME were reviewed to decide on the future role of the JSME after its 120th anniversary. Due to advancement in technological innovation, technological development has become competitive, and open science and open innovations have emerged. The JSME will play an important role in responding to these changes by providing a forum to encourage interaction among industry, the government, and academia. Therefore,

the JSME is expected to lead academia and industry from an international perspective and to meet the ever increasingly complicated requirements of society in the future. We will contribute to social innovations as well as fostering workforce by utilizing the diversified and multi-disciplinary features of mechanical engineering to create an innovative technology. During the 94th presidency, the ten-year vision for the renewal of the JSME was established as well as activity policies and concrete action plans for the next ten years based on this vision. To steadily implement these action plans, the previous president clarified the activities that should be particularly focused on over the next three years including this presidency and discussed mid- to long-term plans.

In this presidency, as part of the celebration of the 120th anniversary of the establishment of the JSME, we analyzed the vision and actions and clarified their priority. The following management policies, which we refer to as the "three I's", were decided.

*Inclusion: to include a broader range of people to revitalize the JSME

*Integration: to integrate and unify various activities to strengthen the foundations of the JSME

*Inspiration: to inspire not only members but also general public to make their dreams tangible in a way such that the threads of dreams are spun to weave the future

Japan is facing a difficult time with aging population and a decreasing number of children. In such a situation, it is difficult to imagine a bright future. "Inclusion" represents that we aim to make the JSME more globally active by increasing the participation of people of different age groups, nationalities, and genders.

Mechanical engineering consists of the diversified and multi-disciplinary technologies and serves as the essential role in manufacturing that supports Japanese industries. The JSME incorporates various academic fields represented by its different technical divisions and also has nationwide branches. Strong cooperation among the technical divisions and branches gives the JSME a solid foundation as a leading academic society. "Interagation" represents that we aim to strengthen the foundation of the JSME to make it a flexible but concrete organization as if warp and weft were interweaved to make cloth by integrating and unifying the activities of the individual structured technical divisions and branches.

I think that the 95th presidency will be the time to take our first steps to make a difference in our society and to make our dreams tangible using various strengths of the JSME for the next decade after 120th anniversary. We realize the important roles that the JSME plays as a leader of academia and industry. Therefore, "Inspiration" represents that we raise public awareness of the JSME and its role such that we the organization to make our dreams feasible.

There are many tasks to be done. We will make every effort to provide members with a worthy forum for the exchange of information and to fully support their activities by conducting our management based on the three I's of Inclusion, Integration, and Inspiration during this presidency,

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the 94th President, Kikuo Kishimoto, as well as those who served in the executive board, branches, divisions, and committees during the 94th presidency for their dedicated service. I hope that they will continue to support us in this presidency.