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Editorial

The Journal of the Meteorological Society of Japan (JMSJ) has been published since 1882 as a medium for the exchange of scientific knowledge in pure and applied meteorology and related studies of atmospheric physics/chemistry, climate system and geophysical/planetary fluids. JMSJ has become a 100% English-language journal since 2001, starting an online journal under the program called J-STAGE which is free to access and available to any reader in the world. We expect the increasing circulation by the online journal. We need to keep monitoring the overall trend of the citation index in conjunction with ceaseless reforms in the review process and the quality control.

Meteorological Society of Japan plans to start another electric journal of Scientific Online Letters on the Atmosphere (the name is under consideration), responding to the rapid advancement in science and technology. The Letters will start calling for papers in 2004 and publishing it from the beginning of 2005. The editorial decision concerning publication will be made within two months after the submission to the Letters.

JMSJ will need to develop as a comprehensive scientific journal dealing with a great detail of the research subject. On behalf of the society, we would like to thank our readers for their strong support in subscribing to JMSJ. We hope that the journal will improve further its quality and a good reputation in the meteorology community in coming years.

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