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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 is recognized as one of the most prestigious international journals in meteorology with a distinguished history of more than a century. At the same time, however, the increasing numbers of scientific articles over the years have also resulted in an international competition among scientific journals that want to survive in the new century. This is because readers tend to subscribe to only a few excellent journals, canceling subscriptions to those with fewer citations. Therefore, in order to compete successfully with other journals and to maintain its excellent record, JMSJ must be able to attract more subscriptions from the international scientific community.

For this reason, the editorial committee has decided to make some changes to the style of JMSJ, beginning with the first issue of 2001. The changes include the size of the pages, the front cover, and the removal of the Japanese abstracts and index. JMSJ will become a 100% English-language journal.

The Japanese abstracts and index will be printed in "Tenki", the Japanese language bulletin of the society. Readers who wish to read the Japanese abstract are encouraged to subscribe to "Tenki". (It should be noted that authors of all articles and notes are still subject to the page charge for the one page Japanese abstract as before.)

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 be able to sustain its high standard and reputation in the meteorology community in the coming century.

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