

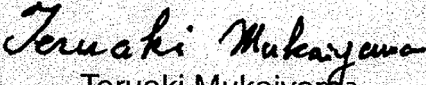
PREFACE

It is notable that 30 years have passed since *Heterocycles* was first published in 1973. As I have known the journal since in cradle, it is my great pleasure to see it grown into such a nice young man. The success of this journal owes greatly to the inexhaustible vitality and to the unequalled idea of late Tesuji Kametani, the initiator. To our surprise, it appeared in black cover, which was very chic, and he occasionally published special issues in between regular periodicals. All such challenging spirit and enthusiasm of the original editor were fully relayed to the present editor, Kiichiro Fukumoto who was involved in the planning also from the very beginning. Also, its binding is in chic black and is thus very eye-catching.

Heterocycles has given full play to spreading and supporting new heterocyclic chemistry. Compounds introduced by *Heterocycles* benefited us and brought advancement in all related fields. Today, heterocyclic chemistry extended its domain to every discipline of organic chemistry. Recent rapid growth particularly of new reaction chemistry is brought by the utilization of characteristic properties of various hetero atoms that are involved in heterocycles.

30 years' history of this publication is just the beginning of unceasing stimulation. Its influential feature as a journal that gives hints and inspiration to the expanding scientific demands shall continue to encourage our comrades.

I sincerely wish ever further maturity and advancement of the journal.



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