Preface

I am very pleased to announce the publication of the special issue on "JCST International Forum" which was held in Kitami as a part of JSME Computational Mechanics Division's annual meeting in last September.

The "JCST International Forum" aims at encouraging the researchers and engineers in the field of computational mechanics to make contributions to the Journal of Computational Science and Technology (JCST) which is the JSME Computational Mechanics Division's international Journal.

The "JCST International Forum" will be held in the annual Computational Mechanics Division conferences in coming years and I am hoping that the forum is going to be a new tradition. At this opportunity, I would like to thank the authors for their contributions, all the editors and reviewers for carefully handling and reviewing the papers.

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