Preface

It is our great honor to edit this special issue entitled, "Asian Now on Fluid Machinery" in the Journal of Fluid Science and Technology (JFST). Fluid machinery has provided us with the high society of human life, and the development of fluid machinery is closely related to the progress of our modern civilization. The Asian International Conference on Fluid Machinery (AICFM) has been started to present the current activities of research and development on fluid machinery, to promote exchange of technical information and to foster solidarity in the Asian community of fluid machinery. The 9th AICFM (AICFM-9) has been successfully held in October 16-19, 2007 in Jeju, Korea and has received totally 284 papers from 15 countries. 11 papers, presented at AICFM-9, are now published in this issue of JFST in Japan while, at the same moment, twenty-four papers are published in Journal of Mechanical Science of Technology (JMST) in Korea. We are very pleased that this special issue will accomplish our mission to dispatch information of Asian research and development on fluid machinery. We would like to express sincere appreciation to the organizing committee of AICFM-9, the editorial committee of JFST and contributors.

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