Preface

The Transportation and Logistics Division of the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME) is honored to announce the publication of a new electronic journal, "Journal of Mechanical Systems for Transportation and Logistics" (JMTL).

JMTL aims at speedy, online publication of original, high-quality papers in broad areas of "Transportation and Logistics", including the technical areas related to the "Mechanical System Design". JMTL employs a paperless, electronic submission and evaluation system for speeding up the review process.

This memorial first issue consists of several original papers related to the field of mechanical systems for transportation and logistics. We are deeply thankful to the distinguished researchers who contributed to these papers.

We are encouraging all the researchers in the fields of mechanical systems for transportation and logistics to submit their excellent articles to JMTL from the entire world.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the editors of JMTL for their great contributions to the Journal.

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