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First of all, I would like to thank the contributors for their excellent articles. For the progress of *JOS*, we have to rid ourselves of our narrow mind with which we tend to compete with other Japanese researchers only. We have to broaden our horizons, where we can expand our perspectives and consider *JOS* as a global organization. It is my belief that *JOS* is the common property of the global communication. And it is my strong desire to encourage the researchers and to promote the studies in this field in Asia. My aim for this year is to make every effort to gain credibility among the Asian countries.

Our ultimate aim and desire is not to be “number one,” rather to be the “only one.” I do believe that the purpose of our study should be for ourselves as human beings, regardless of the various areas and fields or study. However, it is very hard for us to deny our aspirations, often involving our own selfishness and desire for fame. As society’s needs and the utility of applied development both grow, we the researchers are increasingly influenced and affected. Moreover, we are full of curiosity and we are in an environment of extreme competition. It is necessary to examine whether or not our research is serving us as human beings.

Our scientific research continues like an endless journey. It is more important that the trip itself is good and meaningful rather than just getting to the destination quickly. Even when everything seems to be going wrong, it is not impossible to see light at the end of the tunnel. If we continue to have our hopes, there is always a chance of achieving victory.

I will end this essay with a quote from a German allegory from “Deutsch ist nicht so schwer.” based on Aesop’s Fables, by author Lucy Saeko Ito, titled “Zwei Frösche” (“Two Frogs”)—published by ASAHI Press, Tokyo. “Zwei Frösche” encouraged me to believe that nothing is impossible.
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We at JOS will aim to send good and innovative information to members all around the world. Researchers from around the world are watching us.

Zwei Frösche


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