Letter from the editor

You now have in your hands *Synthesiology-English edition* Volume 1 Number 2. Since the journal was issued, we have received many positive comments and encouragement from readers. In particular, the Discussion with Reviewers section following each paper turned out to be attractive to readers, exceeding the expectations of the Editorial Committee.

As in Number 1, this issue contains six research papers. The readers may quickly notice that the style of the papers are very different each other, since various styles are being tested. The style in describing Type Two Basic Research has not yet been well developed, and we are still at the early stages where variety is being pursued and reviewed. Still some more time may be needed for us to develop an established style.

In the interview section, Professor Lester of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology gives his opinion of *Synthesiology* from the viewpoint of contemporary American science and technology research. As a person who understands well the essence of

Synthesiology, he makes comments from a stance different from that of the Editorial Committee, and offers rich insight into the future development of *Synthesiology*.

Mr. Umeyama, General Manager of Technology Management Division, Toyota Motor Corporation talks about the R&D process from a corporate standpoint. Private companies certainly also face the problem of overcoming the long gap between basic research and product realization. Although the actual steps taken by companies may differ from those by public research institutes, there are issues common to both. One of the major issues in modern Japan is how to “connect” the R&D efforts of private companies and public research institutes like AIST, and this interview gives us a solution.

In the Round Table Talk of the reviewers, *Synthesiology* is distinctly characterized. I hope that this discussion is informative and instructive for the authors and reviewers of *Synthesiology*.

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