

Editorial

This editorial marks a change in Regional Co-Editorship for Journal of Fluorine Chemistry. As of January 2007, Professor Tsuyoshi Nakajima has handed over responsibility for the Asia and Japan Region to Professor Takeo Taguchi.

Tsuyoshi Nakajima received his early fluorine chemistry education as a member of the group headed by Professor Nobuatsu Watanabe at Kyoto University. He remained at Kyoto for many years before assuming his present position as a professorial member of the Department of Applied Chemistry at the Aichi Institute of Technology, Toyota-shi, Japan. He was appointed as a Regional Co-Editor in 1997. Since this time, Japanese fluorine chemistry has continued to be an important component of the Journal but there has been also a large upsurge in papers submitted from his region, particularly from PR China. He has presided over this development with great skill, encouraging new authors to submit their work while ensuring that standards that are required for publication are fully maintained. International links have not been neglected, as exemplified by his organisation of a number of special issues on a variety of themes, most recently the forthcoming themed issue dealing with recent developments in inorganic solid state and materials chemistry, topics that include his many research interests.

Although we shall miss his wise counsel and good humour in dealing with editorial matters, his expertise is, of course not lost to the fluorine community. We look forward to continuing to read about his researches in the applications of fluorine-

containing compounds to energy conversion for many years to come.

We extend a warm welcome to Professor Takeo Taguchi as he assumes the editor's chair. Professor Taguchi has been a full professorial member of The School of Pharmacy, Tokyo University of Pharmacy and Life Sciences, since 1989. He has published widely in the areas of synthetic organic chemistry, organometallic chemistry and organofluorine chemistry. A major research theme is the development of new synthetic methods and their applications to fluorinated compounds that may be of interest in biology. His appointment is a further recognition of the increasing importance of fluorine chemistry at the interface between chemistry and biology. We hope that his time in the 'Editor's Chair' will be both pleasant and productive.

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