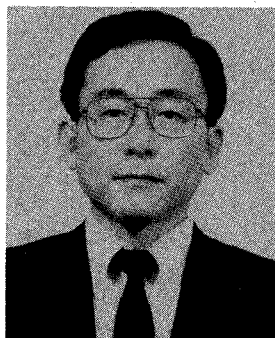


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WHEN this journal was planned by the Publications Committee of the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society, it was proposed that the Asian Abstracts, which had been published periodically in the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES, be moved to this new journal so that this important and useful information be more quickly disseminated. The first Asian Abstracts appeared in the December 1991 issue under the new name, Asia-Pacific Abstracts. These abstracts were compiled by our Associate Editor, Dr. Masami Akaike. With this very successful accomplishment, Dr. Akaike is now retiring as the Associate Editor. He will be replaced with Professor Masanori Koshiba, who has been extremely active in research, education and professional activities in the area covered by the MTT-S. With this announcement, I, as the Editor-in-Chief, sincerely thank Dr. Akaike for his dedication, time, and effort during his tenure as Associate Editor. I also welcome Professor Koshiba, whom I have absolute confidence in his dedication for this new assignment and am looking forward to working with him.

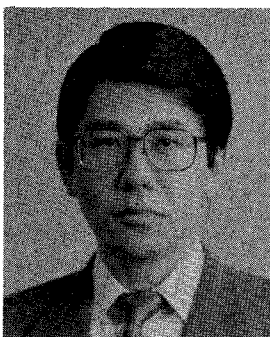
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