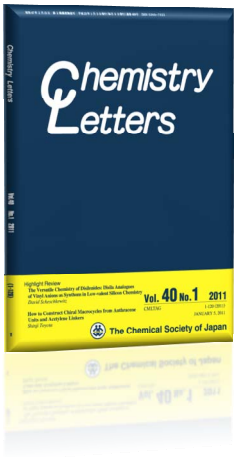

Chemistry Letters

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to our Readers my sincere wishes for *A Happy New Year.*

This is the 7th time that I have sent a New Year's greeting to you as Editor-in-Chief of *Chemistry Letters*. Looking back on the past up until now, so many challenges and changes have been made. I could cite several examples of renovations. Since last year, we launched a new service to publish full-color printed articles at no additional charge, and also we permitted authors to publish 3-page articles, that is, one-additional page to conventional articles, as well as introduction of carefully selected articles by our Editorial Board as "Editor's Choice" with a specially-designed layout. These high-quality "Editor's Choice" articles are available free of charge on the CSJ web site. For more details, please access http://www.csj.jp/journals/chem-lett/cl_ec/cl_ec.html

Here's something to keep your eye on. *Chemistry Letters* has achieved many remarkable rapid publications in the last year. For example, 65 articles were published within 40 days. Needless to say, those were evaluated by expert reviewers in specialized fields for peer-review twice, and revised at least once by authors, not to mention proofreading, professional copyediting, and typesetting. We believe this could be the world record among scientific publishing, but our fastest time from first submission to publication took only 7-business days! In case you need very rapid propagation of your findings, especially in areas of highly competitive research, I highly recommend submitting your manuscript to *Chemistry Letters*, you can count on us for rapid publication!

I think the year 2011 is the best time to expand circulation of our journal, because this year marks the 40th anniversary of *Chemistry Letters*. Furthermore the news of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2010 is still vividly in our memory. Two Japanese chemists, Ei-ichi Negishi and Akira Suzuki, along with American Richard Heck, won the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, *"for palladium-catalyzed cross couplings in organic synthesis"*. This was the first time for two scientists from Japan to simultaneously win the chemistry prize.

And, all theories aside, I could not be prouder of our journal; *Chemistry Letters*, because of the copious submissions from both Japanese Nobel Prize Winners, and we have published nearly 100 articles from Prof. Suzuki and Prof. Negishi. On that account, we can add greatly to our celebratory atmosphere. At the same time, we must not forget that are a great number of outstanding chemists in this area who deserve credit, and therefore, I believe recognition is really valuable in a fiercely competitive field. Now we at *Chemistry Letters* promise to provide continuous support for these scientists in chemistry for years to come. In the first place, we are thinking of a special commemorative issue in celebration of the 2010 Nobel Prize. We propose to invite submissions regarding the Heck or Mizoroki-Heck reaction, and cross-coupling reactions, hopefully **by the end of May 2011**. For more detailed information, please see the back cover of this issue, No.1, 2011.

As an added bonus, the year 2011 is the International Year of Chemistry with the theme "*Chemistry—our life, our future*," (IYC 2011). I believe our journal might give further impetus towards great accomplishment with the support of our valuable readers and authors.

I would like to close by saying that we look forward to your further comments. We promise that we will continually strive to improve our journal *Chemistry Letters* and provide even more services and content to you.

I trust the year 2011 will be positive and rewarding for all our readers.

Sincerely,

Tamejiro Hiyama

Editor-in-Chief, *Chemistry Letters*

Call for Papers

January 5, 2011

Dear Authors,

As you know, the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to Professors Richard F. Heck, Akira Suzuki, and Ei-ichi Negishi who contributed greatly to progress in *Palladium-Catalyzed Cross Couplings in Organic Synthesis*. This news immediately pleased and inspired many chemists involved in organic synthesis using organometallics.

In view that these research achievements have been largely advanced by Japanese chemists, we consider it appropriate to share the pleasure of the award winners by publishing related papers in *Chemistry Letters*.

Thus, I cordially invite you to submit a manuscript on the Heck or Mizoroki-Heck reaction, and cross-coupling reactions, hopefully **by the end of May 2011**. The issue that will include papers dealing with the award winning topics **will appear in August or September 2011**, though the time may change depending on the number of contributions.

I look forward receiving your manuscript in due course.

Sincerely,

Tamejiro HIYAMA
Editor-in-Chief, *Chemistry Letters*