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This Journal, NCRS Journal, has been a media for publication of studies related to the activities of Global COE Program, “Novel Carbon Resource Sciences (NCRS)”. The program was supported by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) from July 2008 to March 2013, and partial support was available also in FY 2013. Special curriculum named NCRS Course has been established in Graduate School of Engineering and Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences, in which students are actively investigating subjects of their own research project for Ph. D. thesis. At the same time, the students are requested to make research proposals and to participate in the international symposium and long-term and short-term internships either in industries or overseas institutions. The results of their research are encouraged to be presented at the international symposium annually held, and the papers related to their presentations can be published in this journal after reviewing by professors of NCRS course. The NCRS Journal, which has been published by the Global COE office from 2009 to 2013, is relaunched as a joint journal with another program of Kyushu University, the Program for Leading Graduate School “Advanced Graduate Program in Global Strategy for Green Asia”, which started in 2012 and is also supported by MEXT aimed at establishing a new educational system including both MS and Ph.D. courses. This volume is the first issue of the joint journal. On behalf of the members of NCRS course, I hope that the new journal will become an important media in scientific fields taking part in making a sustainable society.

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