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The vision of the Evergreen - Joint Journal of Novel Carbon Resource Sciences & Green Asia Strategy is to publish scientific papers with high quality and be a part in making carbon-neutral society. The journey of Evergreen has reached Volume 4, Issue 4 edition since commencement. It is grateful that this issue collects interesting papers by the Green Asia students.

This issue consists of four contributed papers. All the four contributed papers were selected after peer review by at least two experts for each submission in accordance with the peer review policy of Evergreen – Joint Journal of Novel Carbon Resource Sciences & Green Asia Strategy. There is a wide spectrum of topics: i) a comparative study of heap bioleaching, a biotechnology for mining, site in Chile and Finland, ii) an examination of social factors affecting innovation cycle of liquid crystal technology, drawing upon Japanese industrial history, iii) an overview of research and technical trend in nuclear fusion in Japan, and iv) research on current situation and future scope of biomass gasification in Japan. Taking social scientific approaches, these papers succeed in elucidating causal mechanisms in which public policies affect the development of technologies that contribute to solving various environmental problems.

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