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Foreword

The present issue of the *Reports of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 143* contains articles for commemoration of Emeritus Professor Jong-Hwan Yoon, who finished his career at Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in March 2012.

Professor Yoon graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1971 and left the doctor course at Graduate School of the University of Tokyo in 1977 to become the Research Associate. He obtained the Doctor of Science from the University of Tokyo in 1978. He joined to the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in 1990 as the Associate Professor, and promoted to the Professor in 1997. He served as the Director of the Dynamics Simulation Research Center and the East Asian Ocean-Atmosphere Research Center for many years.

Professors Yoon took a strong leadership of the development of an original inventive numerical model named RIAM Ocean Model. He made also great contributions to international research projects such as CREAMS (Circulation Research of the East Asian Marginal Seas). His concept of the Japan Sea as an ocean miniature inspired many young students, who have grown to active scientists today in Japan and Korea as partly indicated by this volume.

I want to express our sincere thanks to his long and successive activities in our institute.

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