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## FOREWORD

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### Special Section on Photonic Network Technologies in Terabit Network Era

In recent years, since large-capacity stream transmissions for 4-K digital cinemas and high-definition video applications, and large-size file transmissions for P2P applications are widely used, new photonic networking technologies are required to support high-speed, cost-effective, flexible, scalable, reliable, and robust communication network infrastructures. To offer a terabit communication environment, a new scenario to crossly interact with upper layers is also required. To achieve these requirements, research and development on photonic networking technologies including their standardizations are extensively performed.

In reply of call for papers, 10 papers and 1 letter were received. After fair and square review, two invited papers on the overview of the photonic network technologies for new generation network and the ultra-high-definition television system, and 5 papers are accepted for the publication in this section. These papers cover a broad range of topics including the next generation node technologies, future internet and datacenter network architectures, and cutting-edge 100Gigabit Ethernet technologies. The editorial committee hopes this section will provide useful information and new ideas to those interested in photonic network technologies.

As the guest editor-in-chief, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the authors for their contributions and to all the editors and reviewers for their voluntary activities.

In this special section, we made a trial for reducing the paper revision period to 30 days. This trial succeeded in shortening the total time period from submission to publication of paper from 8 months to 7 months. This is expected to enhance the timeliness of the IEICE Trans. on Communications.

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