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### IEICE Transactions on Communications: Editor's Message

I am pleased to take on the job of Editor-in-Chief for the IEICE Transactions on Communications. The IEICE Transactions on Communications is now in excellent shape. We received more than 1,200 original submissions in 2009, slight increase over 2008. More than 80% submissions were from outside Japan, including Korea, China and USA. Acceptance ratio for papers was less than 30%. On behalf of a community and a new editorial team, I would like to thank Prof. Hiroyuki Morikawa, past Editor-in-Chief, and his editorial team for their hard work to maintain the high quality of the transactions for the past two years.

The IEICE Transactions on Communications has new beginning as we have smoothly completed the transition to a new editorial team. I take this opportunity to welcome a new editor, Prof. Hideyuki Uehara, and new joining Associate Editors.

Past editorial team launched a working group, chaired by Dr. Hajime Nakamura, which has discussed further improvement of the quality of transactions. Their suggestions include improvement of review process and introducing a new category of paper. For maintaining the high quality of our transactions, Associate Editors are spending significant time and effort for each assigned paper. Increase of submission has not only good aspect of expanding our community but also another aspect of increase of Associate Editors' load. The aim of a suggestion of improvement of review process is improvement of Associate Editors' load. Papers including novel ideas or results in a "work-in-progress" style will be attracting more researchers. Publishing this new type of paper in our transactions is the latter suggestion. According to their suggestions, a new editorial team will continue our discussion and contribute further enhancing the quality of our transactions.

I encourage you to actively participate in our community by submitting your excellent work, reviewing submitted papers and enjoying high quality published papers. I also invite suggestions and comments from authors, reviewers and readers on how to improve the quality of our transactions. I am looking forward to working with you during the next two years to take the IEICE Transactions on Communications to its new level of success.

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Miki Yamamoto, Editor-in-Chief

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**Miki Yamamoto** (*Member*) received the B.E., M.E. and Ph.D. degrees in communications engineering from Osaka University in 1983, 1985 and 1988, respectively. He joined Department of Communications Engineering at Osaka University in 1988. He moved to Kansai University in 2005, where he is a Professor at Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. He visited University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1995 and 1996 as a Visiting Professor. He served as Vice President of IEICE Communications Society and Technical Committee Chair of Network Systems in IEICE. He also served as IEEE Region 10 Executive Committee member. His research interests include content distribution, next generation networks, wireless networks and the performance evaluation of these systems. He is a member of IEEE, ACM and IPSJ.

