

Words from the Editor-in-Chief

We are entering the sixteenth year of AAPPS Bulletin. Currently, we publish six issues per year and 5,000 copies per issue for distributions around the world, about two-thirds in the Asia-Pacific region and another one-third for institutions and individuals in the U.S., Canada, Europe, South America, etc. We conscientiously attempt to make the Bulletin reaching the eyes of those physicists who may be interested, thereby helping to bring your contributions to the attention of many people far beyond your imagination.

The primary task of the Bulletin is to report major happenings in the physics community defined by the Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS), to bring to the attention of the scientists in the region those events or activities which take place outside the Asia Pacific region but which may have important bearings on this community, and to publish scientific articles which, in our judgment, may interest physicists worldwide.

Through proper execution of these tasks, it is hoped that the members in the AAPPS community can understand one another much more and much better, that they can be understood by those outside the Asia Pacific region, and that meaningful international cooperations between them may eventually develop from there on. We believe that mutual understandings and international cooperations are in the root of everlasting peace and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region.

We therefore invite those who share our dream to work together. We hope that the Bulletin could become one "Physics Today of Asia."

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