

Editorial

The editorial committee members of the newly titled “Earth, Planets and Space (EPS)” are very happy to send all the readers of the journal our sincere greetings with this first issue.

EPS has started its first volume at 50, because the journal is not brand-new but a continuation from volume 49 of “Journal of Geomagnetism and Geoelectricity (JGG)” and also from volume 45 of “Journal of Physics of the Earth (JPE)”. The former had been edited by the Society of Geomagnetism and Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences (SGEPSS), and the latter jointly by the Seismological Society of Japan, the Volcanological Society of Japan, and the Geodetic Society of Japan. As shown on the cover of this issue, EPS is a joint publication of all the above four societies together with the Japanese Society for Planetary Sciences.

As easily understood from the title, the scope of EPS covers any subject relating to Earth, planetary and space sciences. In particular, original papers reflecting new and interdisciplinary subjects are greatly encouraged. Exciting letters showing new findings are also welcome.

Timely special issues will be planned from time to time, basically through proposals from potential guest editors for new projects or international symposia of a high standard. In fact, within the framework of volume 50, some special issues have already been proposed and accepted by the editorial committee; for example, “Theoretical and Experimental Studies of Mars” for the Planet-B mission to be launched this year, “Zodiacal Cloud Sciences” for the international workshop. For these two special issues, the review processes are now in progress. Some more special issues have also been proposed and they are now being discussed by the editorial committee.

Finally, on behalf of the EPS editorial committee and also the societies supporting EPS, I would like to say that we are all ready to do our best towards the goal that EPS should become widely circulated as one of the leading international scientific journals in the area of Earth, planetary and space sciences by the end of the 20th century.

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