

Preface

Every year, we call for manuscripts as a special issue of the International Kuroshio Science Symposium. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the symposium in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic severely restricted the movement of the people, which made it difficult to hold any large-scale events such as our symposium. In lieu of it, we would like to hold an on-journal symposium on Kuroshio Science through the submission of manuscripts i.e. the On-Journal International Kuroshio Science Symposium: Kuroshio Science amidst the pandemic towards a better future (13.5th). This symposium is neither a face-to-face conference nor an online meeting. The intellectual gathering can be realized through the collection of manuscripts from scientists, researchers, students, and professionals in countries of the Kuroshio region.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult for direct or face-to-face interaction, however, but based on the tie we have nurtured so far, we should still be able to conduct an international exchange in education and research through various means. This journal is one of those ways, and I hope it will continue to function as a platform for international academic exchange among researchers in the Kuroshio region.

We would appreciate it if you could continue to cooperate with the progression of our research platform by contributing of your paper.

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