Editorial Afterword

When the first Honda R&D Technical Review came out in 1989, Nobuhiko Kawamoto, then-President of Honda R&D Co. Ltd., described it in the foreword as a medium for “Proving Yourself as One of the Best.” The current issue will be the 39th, including the two F-1 special issues. During this time, we have published a total of 1,040 technical papers and introductions of new technologies. Browsing through them again, I see how these articles distilled the technical issues and trends of their times in each area, how they captured the ardent feeling and determination of the authors facing those issues, and how they summed up the many accomplishments arising from their passion and spirit of inquiry. Truly these comprise one of the foundations of Honda today.

Starting with this issue, Vol. 24 No.1, the Honda R&D Technical Review has reached a turning point by publishing as an electronic book. I hope first of all that this will make it a technology communication tool that all HG members can share with ease, and that in the near future engineers around the world can take part, too.

I hope that this medium will make us all more familiar with many valuable insights and facilitate technical exchanges with the outside world. I hope that you and your fellow members will use it effectively. Moreover, if you have a chance to write your own paper, please do not hesitate to step forward. On my part, I will endeavor to ensure that the Honda R&D Technical Review remains a cornerstone for building new value.

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