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Foreword

Fuminao OKUMURA
Executive Director

I was appointed as Executive Director on June 13, 2013, to oversee three Divisions of RTRI: Compliance, International Affairs and Marketing/Business Development. Previously I had made my best efforts to facilitate smooth management for four years in the Administration Division, firstly as Deputy Director and then as Director. Now I will devote myself to my duties at the new post and vigorously promote exchanges with outside organizations, domestic and abroad, bearing in mind the benefits of enhancing the image of RTRI all the time.

Regarding international affairs, I believe it is most important to collect and transmit global information, assess the development of railway technologies and research across the world and tactfully transmit the results of RTRI's research and development activities. In this context, it is fortunate that joint research initiatives are being launched one after another with universities and research institutes in foreign countries. Exchanges of researchers shall be intensified in various forms to raise the presence of RTRI on a global basis.

RTRI's international activities shall also be strengthened to contribute to the establishment of a worldwide network of researchers. Therefore, RTRI shall increase human resources that will be welcomed everywhere in the world.



Since the inauguration of RTRI, 26 years have passed. In the meantime, superior researchers have been successfully recruited or developed to make RTRI a research organization embracing robust researchers. I believe that an advantage of RTRI is its researchers are highly specialized in a wide range of disciplinary areas. We need to continue to polish the capabilities of individuals and create research outcomes beyond imagination to surprise the world through collaboration among those in different fields.

Fuminao Okumura