

The Editor's Postscript

We are very pleased that the 1st issue of “The Rigaku Journal” (in English) has finally come out. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many people who extended their cooperation and assistance to us for the publication.

The 1st issue of the Japanese edition was published in 1959 with the sum total of 42 issues up to now, although there were times in between that the publication was temporarily suspended. Rigaku has a history of 60-odd years since it was established in 1924. We think seriously that the company has been able to be existing for such a long period thanks to the warm supports from our customers and also due to our continued efforts to meet their expectations.

Just recently our Rigaku Europe GmbH has been set up in Dusseldorf, West Germany. Its sole aim is to meet the suggestions and requests of those longstanding customers of Rigaku products, that is, the realization of a more substantial service setup and the provision of an application laboratory in Europe. In this manner we are determined to make our further efforts to better serve our customers. If this Rigaku Journal could take the role of a medium for smooth communication and good understanding between our customers and us, the editor should be more than happy.

Currently Rigaku is said to be enjoying a nearly 90 percent share in the domestic market in the field concerned. The editor believes so and interpretes it as a synonym for the presence of 90 percent of the total Japanese customers who are daily giving us their frank and outspoken opinions. The reader of this journal is urged to join these critics. After all, the editor is positive that such true comments are the very source of energy to vitalize all of us at Rigaku.

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