JEOL was established in June 1949 for the development, production and sales of transmission electron microscopes. This year, JEOL has marked its 60th anniversary.

The JEOL Group has grown in size reaching sales of 100 billion yen and a workforce of about 3000 employees through the corporate activities for 60 years, owing to the efforts of all the predecessors and all the employees of the JEOL Group. I would like to appreciate and celebrate that JEOL has reached its 60th anniversary. Furthermore, I am deeply aware that our long corporate development is primarily due to the many customers who have continually supported and guided us. On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of our customers.

When JEOL marked its 50th anniversary, positioning the 50th anniversary as the second inauguration of the JEOL Group, we announced the JEOL Group’s new long-term management vision, “JEOL SPIRIT-1.” This vision set forth the direction in which JEOL should head in the first decade of the 21st century. In this vision, two key concepts are stipulated: The first is to situate our main business domains as "Twin Core," which consists of the Scientific Instrument business and the Industrial Equipment business. The second is to pursue three missions of "No.1 Solution," "Global Network," and "Innovation." Based on this long-term management vision, we formulated medium-term management plans every three years, and divided these three-year plans into annual business plans. In line with the management vision, we will continue to change our mindset to push forward with customer-oriented business.

Since its establishment 60 years ago, the JEOL Group has been marketing a broad range of products worldwide. These products are essential for basic research including materials science and life science and for technological development and quality control in various industries. We are determined to continue to meet the expectations of our customers. For example, the transmission electron microscope, which was the starting point of JEOL, is a flagship of JEOL even now. Our electron microscopes incorporate many technological innovations in recent years, such as aberration correction, tomography, specimen cooling, phase-plate microscopy, specimen-environment control, and nano-level analysis. Thus, as high-end basic research tools, JEOL electron microscopes are widely utilized in universities, national laboratories and corporations all over the world.

The world economy is now in recession, so we have all the more need to create new technologies and industries. I believe that the JEOL group is an indispensable enterprise for implementing science and technology policies and for developing industries in the world.

According to our company philosophy, we will continually contribute to the progress of science and society around the world by enhancing the competitiveness of our products. Finally, I sincerely hope for your candid evaluations and warm assistance.

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Chairman, JEOL Ltd.