In May 1949, not long after the end of World War II, Japan Electron Optics Laboratory (forerunner of JEOL) was established for the development of transmission electron microscopes. Since then, our company has been supported by many people around the world, and this year JEOL has marked its 60th anniversary. On this occasion, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you.

Progress of science and technology in these 60 years has been outstanding. During this period, JEOL has developed and marketed a number of Scientific Instruments and Industrial Equipment to meet the expectations of our customers. Now our products are playing a significant role in a broad range of fields, which include transmission and scanning electron microscopes, analytical instruments such as electron probe microanlyzers, nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers, mass spectrometers and X-ray spectrometers, electron beam lithography systems for semiconductor-device fabrication, electron beam sources for industrial use, and clinical biochemistry analyzers.

Our company philosophy states, “On the basis of “Creativity” and “Research and Development”, JEOL positively challenges the World’s highest technology, thus forever contributing to the progress in both Science and Human Society through its products.” Our primary mission is to develop state-of-the-art products that reflect the needs of the worldwide market and timely supply the products to the customers. For as many as 60 years, although the market environment surrounding our company has greatly changed, JEOL has expanded its business to the markets of inspection and metrology businesses such as environmental-, medical- and semiconductor-use, through our traditional products of Scientific Instruments centered on electron microscopes.

However, I recognize that in the midst of a global change at present, what JEOL should focus on is to provide the best total solutions to the customers so that they feel the greatest satisfaction until the high-end instruments supplied by JEOL reach lifetime. In order to realize this objective in a more efficient manner, JEOL DATUM, which has long been engaged in maintenance service of JEOL products, will be merged to JEOL this July. Utilizing this change, we will respond to the requests from the customers through sophisticated solutions, which only JEOL can offer. To achieve this, in addition to conventional maintenance service, we will further pursue in providing up-to-date technological applications and knowhow, and in swiftly carrying out inspection of the installation room of your JEOL instrument and measurement of your samples. Moreover, we position the publication of JEOL News as one of providing solutions, so we will continue to make efforts to enhance the content of JEOL News.

At the time of our 60th anniversary, we are determined to continually strive to provide the best products and solutions to you by keeping our mindset in a global perspective. Finally, I sincerely hope for your candid evaluations and warm assistance.

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