

## Message from Chief Editor



The first issue of “Journal of SME Japan” has been published for the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of SME Tokyo Chapter establishment. It is proposed by Dr. Masahiko MORI, the Chairman of SME Tokyo Chapter, in order to inform the world about Japanese manufacturing technologies. In this journal, technical papers related to practical matters in industries are appreciated.

It is my honor to be a chief editor of this journal by the recommendation of Dr. Yoshiaki KAKINO, the Supreme Advisor of SME Tokyo Chapter. I'm worried about the number and the quality of articles submitted to this journal, then I would appreciate your great support for continuously publishing this journal. Especially, I would like to ask young engineers who are working at research and develop division of manufacturing industries to submit technical papers for presenting their activity.

As Japanese manufacturing industries continue to globalize, we intend to maintain the world's leading Monozukuri, and inform the world about our advanced manufacturing technologies.

(Professor Keiichi SHIRASE, Kobe University)