

Preface

The Academic Society of Osaka Sangyo University is an organization which promotes research conducted by its members and introduces their achievements to the world. One of our most important activities is the publication of the *Journal of Osaka Sangyo University* and the *Osaka Sangyo University Review*.

At present, we publish a series of journals in five different fields: *Humanities & Social Sciences*, *Natural Sciences*, *Journal of Business Administration*, *Journal of Economics*, and *Journal of Human Environmental Studies*.

As economic globalization has progressed, academic and research activities have also been rapidly globalized. For example, academic journals have become increasingly international, both in terms of theme and author, and international conferences and symposiums have become even more common.

The Academic Society of Osaka Sangyo University established a website in April 2008 in order for more world scholars to gain access to the achievements of our members in all departments.

However, most of the articles are written in Japanese, so they are not read by other scholars, with the exception of the abstracts and the few articles which are written in English. Therefore, we have decided to publish an English journal in 2008: the *Annual Research Bulletin of Osaka Sangyo University*.

We do hope that numerous scholars all over the world will have access to our English journal, and that we can contribute to the progress of research in each field.

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