

Recent Developments in the Kawasaki Steel Technical Research Division—Looking toward New Fields of Technology

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The twenty years since Kawasaki Steel consolidated its research organization in Chiba have seen the development of a number of innovative steelmaking processes, several of which were presented in the previous special issue of *Kawasaki Steel Technical Report* entitled "Advanced Technology of Iron and Steel" (No. 22). Although both next-generation steelmaking processes and functional or "fine" steels continue to be the subject of intensive development programs, Kawasaki Steel is also placing heavy emphasis on certain new and very different fields of research.

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problems are always welcome, as they bring out our best. We therefore look forward to receiving new and even more difficult challenges from those we serve.