

Foreword

Publication of a special issue compiling
NKK's technological advances

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In the foreword to the first issue of the NKK Technical Report published in 1949, former President Kawada of NKK wrote “Publishing this first issue of the NKK Technical Report by mobilizing all of

The unique, unparalleled technologies developed by our engineers and researchers lie behind our customers' high regard. Although the history of these technological developments will be detailed in this issue, it can be said that each generation of NKK's engineers and researchers has successfully maintained the bright history and heritage that originated from Dr. Kaichiro Imaizumi, the founder of NKK's technology. The NKK Technical Report has fully performed the role of a living witness to the development of these technologies.

Although NKK transformed itself into JFE through the business consolidation with Kawasaki Steel in September 2002, the spirit expressed by the words of former President Kawada quoted above will be upheld continually during the changing eras in the future. As the last person in charge of administering NKK's research and development, I hereby express my deep appreciation to all of the authors

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