
MESSAGE

IEICE Transactions on Communications: Editor's Message

The month of June marks the beginning of IEICE's fiscal year when the Editorial Board of IEICE Transactions will start with new succeeding members as some board members have completed their terms of office. With that, it is an honor and privilege to announce that I will now serve as the Editor-in-Chief (EiC), for two years, of the IEICE Transactions on Communications.

I am compelled to reflect on the profound societal shifts precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This unprecedented global crisis has acted as a catalyst for the rapid acceleration of digital transformation across various sectors, fundamentally altering the way we live, work, and interact. As the world grapples with the complexities of navigating a post-pandemic landscape, it becomes increasingly evident that information and communication technologies have emerged as indispensable pillars supporting resilience, innovation, and progress.

Having a 105-year history since its establishment in 1917, the IEICE contributes to the advancement of information and communication technology, and the IEICE Transactions on Communications has been serving as one of the major platforms for the dissemination of technologies developed by national and international researchers and engineers since it was first issued in 1991. However, since other journals are also increasingly taking the role of new and innovative technology dissemination, the IEICE Transaction needs to increase its competitiveness. To achieve this, we will continuously work to improve our services, such as shortening the review period, introducing advanced publications, position paper categories, and accepting papers submitted by non-IEICE members. In addition, to maintain reasonable review and decision-making, which is most important for authors, review criteria are being checked by sharing case studies with all members of the editorial committee at every quarter meeting. As a result of these steady efforts, the number of submissions last year increased by around 20% compared with that in the previous year. Accessibility to published articles is another key issue for academic journals, in which the former EiC, Prof. Cho has devoted his efforts to tackle this issue and realized the migration of the IEICE Transactions on Communications to IEEE Xplore. From now on, it is a privilege to take up the baton, and would like to push forward with the launch of other novel plans. I will do my best to continuously increase the value of the transaction with my fellow Editors, Prof. Takeshi Amishima, Prof. Tohru Kondo, Prof. Kazuya Tsukamoto, and all the committee members.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Prof. Keizo Cho, the former EiC, Prof. Katsuyoshi Iida, the former Editor, and the former associate editors, for their great effort to enhance the competitiveness of this transaction. Last, but not least, I would like to give my special thanks to the authors, readers, and reviewers for their significant contributions in submitting, reviewing, and citing their outstanding works, which are of the utmost importance to the value of this transaction.

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Go Hasegawa (*Member*) a member of the IEEE, received the ME and DE degrees in information and computer sciences from Osaka University, Japan, in 1997 and 2000, respectively. From July 1997 to June 2000, he was a research assistant at the Graduate School of Economics, Osaka University. From 2000 to 2018, he was an associate professor with the Cybermedia Center at Osaka University. He is now a professor at the Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Tohoku University. His research is in information network architecture, wireless networking architecture, edge-cloud computing, Internet congestion control, and so on. He has served as Associate Editor and Editor of the IEICE Transactions on Communications for 10 years and has received the Best Paper Award from the IEICE in 2010.

