

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Mechanical Engineers,

The academic conferences under the auspice of the Conference of the Mechanical Engineering Network of Thailand (ME-NETT) have been evolving over the past 25 years with constant progress. I have observed this progress with impression and admiration; so much so that I had proposed at several occasions to the Chairs of the various annual Conferences that it is about time that we establish an academic journal to contribute our academic success to the international community.

In 2009, Dr. Worawut Wisutmethangoon who was the first chairman of TSME (Thai Society of Mechanical Engineers) gave me the green light to go ahead with the journal. I must accept the guilt for not being able to push the journal out during that period. Dr. Withaya Yongchareon, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair of TSME, continued to urge me to carry on the task that I had proposed. This time around the stress of the accumulated guilt was beyond a critical limit which made me yield.

The Board of TSME, per my consultation, unanimously agreed that JRAME be an “international” journal publishable in both Thai and English. But for a Thai-language contribution, an English-language abstract is required.

In addition to our formal aims and scope as indicated on the back page of this publication, we would very much like to be an alternative force in driving ME-science toward a noble goal. Therefore, we intend to be very flexible in both coverage and forms. We also intend to be a journal that is “author friendly.”

Contributing authors to JRAME may choose a referencing format of their choice (either Harvard style or numbering style or any other style). A paper that is valuable to ME-science will not be denied on the grounds of its format or its referencing style.

Outcomes of research, applications as well as well thought out “concepts” relating to ME-science in all perspectives are solicited while subject to the consideration of the editorial board and peer reviews before they are accepted for publication in JRAME.

In this inaugurating publication, the contributing papers came from two sources as suggested by TSME board: the best papers awarded in the 24<sup>th</sup> ME-NETT meeting (marked by asterisks) and the papers from the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Mechanical Engineering (ICoME) which were deemed as appropriate by the Editorial Board. All papers were subject to the authors’ consents as well as peer reviews.

Like a small gear in an auxiliary equipment, I hope that JRAME will do its part to help drive a very complicated ME mechanism toward a desirable goal that enriches ourselves, Thailand and the international community as a whole.

Sincerely,



Tawit Chitsomboon

N.B. We suggest that JRAME be pronounced easily as J-Ra-Me.