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## Letter from the Editor

First of all, I would like to apologize for the late publication of the first issue of this volume. This was due to some technical difficulties, which have been solved so far, and we are trying to comply with the schedule and periodicity of the forthcoming issues. The second and third issue of the current volume will be published soon. Readers can find the upcoming articles in the new section “Articles in Press” at our recently modified website (<http://www.sjst.psu.ac.th>).

Songklanakarín Journal of Science and Technology (SJST) has been recognized worldwide thanks to the quality of the manuscripts submitted for consideration to publish, especially from authors around the world after the journal was transformed into a fully international journal. Furthermore, we have highly-regarded researchers in various disciplines from all over the world that joined our editorial board. Our self-developed online system has helped us in speeding up the reviewing process and we are committed to further improvements of our overall publication processes. The fast and in-time publication and distribution of new developments in science and engineering is a key of our modern societies and we are fully committed to that goal.

Last year, 276 manuscripts were submitted to the journal for publications. Among those, 35 manuscripts (13%) were submitted from countries outside of Thailand. Our editors and referees have worked very hard in reviewing these manuscripts. As a result, 190 manuscripts (69%) were accepted after some revisions, 60 manuscripts (22%) were rejected, 24 manuscripts (9%) were withdrawn and the remaining 2 manuscripts are still in the reviewing process.

Our editorial board members are working hard to enhance the portion of manuscripts from international researchers and hope that the percentage will increase during this year.

In this issue, we present an invited article entitled “Use of microwave energy for accelerated curing of concrete: A review” authored by Dr. Phadungsak Ratanadecho and his colleagues from Thammasat University, Thailand. He is one of the leading researchers in microwave energy in Thailand. Interested readers can go directly to the article listed first in this issue.

Finally, I would like to thank you very much for supporting SJST, either contributing as an author or participating in the review process. We welcome all comments that help us to improve further our work we are fully committed to!

Editor-in-Chief