



Letter from the Editor

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all authors, referees and audiences of Songklanakarin Journal of Science and Technology (SJST) for a great contribution to the journal and scientific community through the year. I wish you all a prosperous and enjoyable year to come.

This is my final issue as Editor-in-Chief of the journal after more than 3 years in the position. It has been a pleasant period for me to have a chance to work in this prestigious position. I would also like to introduce the new Editor-in-Chief who will continue the success and improve the journal quality as well as bring the journal into greater recognition and acceptance at an international level. The professor who will serve as new EIC from the next issue is Prof. Pavinee Chinachoti who has extensive and profound research experience in the areas of water and physicochemical properties. Her research focus is on molecular dynamics of water as related to functionality of biopolymers and food systems. Prof. Pavinee joined Prince of Songkla University, Thailand in 2009. Previously, she spent 17 years as professor at Department of Food Science, University of Massachusetts, in USA. She also had industrial experience by joining Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. in Topeka, Kansas, from 2003 to 2007 as a Product Science Fellow. She is a member of many professional organizations, including the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), the American Chemical Society (ACS), and the American Association of Cereal Chemist (AACC) International. She has published more than 80 peer-reviewed papers in international journals and has contributed chapters to many famous books. Her experience will be of great benefit to the journal and I fully believe that she will bring SJST to another level in the international arena as well as enhance quality of the papers in SJST.

Last year, 235 manuscripts were submitted to the journal for publication. After extensive reviewing, 98 manuscripts (42%) were accepted, 42 manuscripts (18%) were rejected, 14 manuscripts (6%) were withdrawn, and the remaining 81 manuscripts are still in the reviewing process. External manuscripts contributed 16% (38 manuscripts).

Finally, I would like to thank the authors, referees, and editorial board members as well as editorial assistants and journal officers for their hard work and dedication to the journal, and the audiences for recognition of the journal and invaluable support. We would like to welcome all comments that will help us to further improve the journal quality and receive greater recognition worldwide.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perapong Tekasakul".

Perapong Tekasakul
Editor-in-Chief