

Announcement

The March 2019 issue (No. 45) is our last for Kavli IPMU News. We have come a long way with IPMU / Kavli IPMU since our first issue in March 2008. During this period, IPMU / Kavli IPMU has achieved remarkable progress. We want to thank all of our readers and all who have supported us over the years. Editor

Message from Readers

Thank you to the Kavli IPMU for the opportunity to interview your researchers. The Asahi Shimbun was lucky to snatch the chance to work with founding director Hitoshi Murayama shortly after he was relieved of his responsibilities, and look forward to working with him in our new weekly education column.

**Science and Medical Section,
Asahi Shimbun
Ryutaro Ito**

The cover of every issue of the Kavli IPMU News carried the big face of one of their researchers, reminiscent of the Time magazine's cover announcing 'Person of the Year'. Many people must have felt his/her eyes looking at them from the bookshelf of the library of their institutions. They could not help taking it in hand. The Kavli IPMU News was in a perfect bilingual format. Its content included the new results of forefront researches, interviews with distinguished scientists, news, announcements of various events, etc. In particular, pictures of the researchers newly joined the Institute appeared on every issue with brief introduction of their researches to demonstrate the growth of the Institute to both inside and outside.

I talked in Vol. 14 about how the Institute was born and heard from Robert Williams in Vol. 35 the story behind the scene about the accelerating universe and the Hubble Space Telescope. I miss the Kavli IPMU News, which remained the flagship public booklet of the Institute even in the era when the main stream of publicity is websites and SNSs. I would like to express my respect to the chief editor Dr. Kenzo Nakamura and those who were engaged in the Kavli IPMU News, which was always with the Kavli IPMU, an Institute built from scratch 10 years ago.

**Professor Emeritus,
The University of Tokyo
Sadanori Okamura**

The (Kavli) IPMU News is a record of the institute's growth, full of memorable events and significant research achievements. It has played an important role in visualizing the rapid development of IPMU, from zero to a highly visible international research center.

When I worked at the IPMU's administrative office, we were asked to create a system specific to a WPI center. Our role was to make the center a paradise for researchers. The office staff were given opportunities to venture into uncharted territory

in the Japanese national university system at that time. Sometimes, office staff appeared in the magazine, making it possible for readers to capture a glimpse into the unique and challenging administrative office.

I was sad to hear the IPMU News will finish as a publication, but I believe it will remain as a precious reference allowing people to see the glorious achievements of Kavli IPMU 50 or 100 years from now. Currently, I am working at the University of Tokyo's second WPI center, the International Research Center for Neurointelligence (IRCIN). There, I will inherit IPMU's challenging spirit and make my mark in a different way from the IPMU News.

**Deputy General Manager,
IRCIN, The University of Tokyo
Midori Ozawa**

I did not notice the announcement that Issue no. 45 would be the last one. This is sad news ... I liked the magazine very much.

Here is what I have thought of for the "Tea Break" section.*

**Professor, University of Minnesota
Alexander A. Voronov**

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