

# Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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On behalf of the editorial board, I am pleased to present the fifth volume of the IPSJ Transactions on System LSI Design Methodology (TSLDM). TSLDM aims to provide the best opportunity for all researchers working on the design, the electronic design automation, and the design methodologies of a system LSI (System-on-Chip) to publish their work and learn about state-of-the-art achievements in these and other related fields.

Similar to previous volumes, the fifth volume is going to contain February and August issues. Each issue, in turn, is going to contain a couple of invited papers written by world-famous researchers in addition to peer-reviewed regular papers.

Launched in August 2008, TSLDM has been quickly establishing itself as one of the representative journals in our research community. This is largely thanks to Professor Hidetoshi Onodera, the first Editor-in-Chief of the journal. As the second Editor-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedicated editorship and strong leadership. I would also like to thank all the committee members, authors and reviewers in the past. Without their contributions, TSLDM has never acquired a premier status in such a short period. Based on the successful commencement, I will do my best together with Editors and Associate Editors, to further enhance the penetration of the journal in its core and related scientific and technological communities.

TSLDM is going to retain its unique features which distinguish TSLDM from other journals in our research community. TSLDM provides an open-access on-line publication so that authors can efficiently disseminate their important achievements to the widest R&D community of the world. Papers can be browsed and downloaded worldwide through the internet free of charge without any restrictions. Another important feature of TSLDM is its timely and rapid publication. We do not have a back-log problem. Every issue has a predetermined editorial schedule announced in the call for papers. Authors can therefore expect the date of publication to be just nine months after the submission is due. This makes it more attractive to submit and publish up-to-date information on research and development.

Finally, but not least, I would like to thank all the authors who submitted their results since their contributions form the basis of our technical excellence.

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