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Season's Greetings

Happy New Year!

Japan's GDP continues to decline compared to other nations, a situation attributable not only to the weak yen and high prices but also to the stagnation of industrial growth and development through scientific and technological advancement and innovation. Under these current circumstances, it is imperative that engineers and researchers build a solid future by efficiently developing groundbreaking technologies and products using scientific creative thinking methods, rather than relying on trial and error.

The most powerful method for achieving this is TRIZ. We shall continue to promote the dissemination and implementation of TRIZ.

One such activity, the Japan TRIZ Symposium, is currently in preparation for this year's event [The 22nd Japan TRIZ Symposium 2026]. Details will be finalised and announced in due course.

- Dates: Thursday 3rd September to Friday 4th September
- Theme: Let's discover new value through collaboration of TRIZ and AI!
- Venue: Waseda University Science and Engineering Campus, Shinjuku, Tokyo
- Participation format: Primarily in-person, with online participation also available (hybrid)

At present, we plan to hold the event as outlined above.

We would be most grateful if you could begin preparations now for presenting your experiences and research findings. We sincerely hope that many of you will present and participate in the discussions, thereby making this an opportunity for mutual learning and inspiration.

In particular, given the recent rapid advances in AI, we aim to contribute to creating new value through the co-creation of TRIZ and AI. Furthermore, we will actively encourage participation and cooperation from related academic societies in the Japan TRIZ Symposium. By incorporating and combining methodologies from these related academic societies, we intend to further evolve TRIZ and make it easier to deploy.

Furthermore, we have hosted TRIZ discussion groups and seminars, inviting those engaged in TRIZ research and application, as well as individuals from related fields. Through these activities, we aim to foster interest in TRIZ and its surrounding domains, and we intend to continue planning initiatives to broaden the dissemination and utilisation of TRIZ. Additionally, to enhance understanding and mastery of TRIZ, we plan to conduct study group activities, organise seminars, and publish TRIZ materials.

We look forward to welcoming not only members of the Japan TRIZ Association but also many non-members to participate in these forums and engage in discussion. Through this collaboration, we hope you will contribute to building the future of enterprises, and ultimately a sustainable future for Japan, by mastering TRIZ.

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