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Dear readers,

We are pleased to announce that the Railway Technical Research Institute, RTRI, will launch a new semiannual magazine, **Ascent**, which introduces our research and development activities of RTRI in a timely manner.

Ascent is targeting a broader base of readers around the world from management people at rail-related companies to researchers and engineers in diversified fields of railway technologies. Therefore we would like to make this magazine easier-to-understand and more appealing to the readers who are not necessarily railway technology experts.

We sincerely hope that this magazine will help world's rail-related people understand our activities and useful research results which are applicable to railways worldwide.

PDF files of each volume of **Ascent** is also downloadable on our website:

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As any of your opinions and questions regarding this magazine are most welcome, please do not hesitate in contacting us at www-admin@rtri.or.jp

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Fuminao Okumura' in a cursive style.

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