Preface

Four years ago the Institute for Creative Management and Innovation launched “Kindai Management Review” as the research bulletin. Aimed at becoming a representative academic journal of management in English published in Japan its appearance from Maruzen has been widely and immediately acclaimed by the academics both inside and outside Japan. We have received a huge number of congratulatory messages, words of encouragement, and valuable comments from readers. Unable to publish all such messages due to the constraint in the space I would like to cite some of them.

“I would congratulate the first issue of Kindai Management Review. As you know, only a very limited number of the publications by Japanese scholars have been known outside Japan and this trend does not seem to improve, wherefore, the Institute for Creative Management and Innovation at Kindai University has focused from its very inception its effort on the strengthening of the diffusion of new management thinking originated in Japan. I am convinced that the journal is a commendable and valuable effort to serve such a challenging attempt.”

**Ikujiro Nonaka**, Professor Emeritus of Hitotsubashi University

“I am pleased to be part of the inaugural issue of the Kindai Management Review. This new publication is a rare breed -- a management journal that can attract international scholars and also spread new management thinking from Japan to the rest of the world. I will follow its development with great interest.”

**David J. Teece**, Professor of University of California, Berkeley

“The publication of English-language peer-reviewed academic journal is a remarkable endeavor, quite rare among Japanese universities. I trust that this journal will become a gateway to success for young scholars. In our generation, Dr. Nonaka’s international activities outstands. I hope that this journal fosters the coming on stage of world-class scholars capable of emulating Professor Nonaka.”

**Tadao Kagono**, Invited Professor of Konan University

“There are many outstanding technologies and wonderful businesses in Japan. Yet far too little of the management processes and thinking that create these achievements is accessible in English. The Kindai Management Review thus fills a critical gap in our knowledge of creativity and innovation in Japanese industry. There are lessons for businesses in all countries, based on this knowledge.”

**Henry Chesbrough**, Professor, UC Berkeley Haas School of Business
“Innovation management is a discipline in constant flux. It requires that researchers and leaders alike stay in front of the dynamic and fast changing developments in the field. *Kindai Management Review* is one of the best journals for keeping pace with the newest research and methods for leading organizational innovation.”

**Jeff DeGraff**, Clinical Professor, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

“I congratulate heartily the publishing of the *Kindai Management Review* as the bulletin of ICMI. Many leading scholars on management in the world submitted their newest papers. It means KRM is highly recognized as the socially and academically valuable publication.”

**Mieko Watanabe**, Professor Emeritus of University of Tsukuba

“I was delighted and impressed by the contents and design appearance of *Kindai Management Review* which I received recently. It is clear that your journal will become a great success internationally for the quality of materials. Congratulations!”

**Tudor Rickards**, Professor, Manchester Business School

“It was beautifully composed and very interesting content.”

**Roderick M. Kramer**, Professor of Stanford Graduate School of Business

“*Kindai Management Review* has joined the important group of publications aimed at informing managers, leaders, and researchers about critical issues and trends facing organizations. Being based in Asia, yet including global thought leadership on topics such as managing innovation and creativity, KMR provides an excellent and continuing resource to the management field.”

**Scott G. Isaksen**, Professor of Norwegian Business School

“The content looks great and the design and production are elegant. Congratulations!”

**Vijay Sathe**, Professor, Claremont Graduate University

“It is very impressive, both in terms of its look and in regard to content.”

**Gerard J. Puccio**, Chair and Professor, International Center for Studies in Creativity, Buffalo State College

“It is not an easy feat to launch and maintain a leading academic journal especially in Japan where the research projects are abundant but not many researchers are publishing in top journals outside Japan. The very existence of Kindai Management Review is a strong stimulus for the researchers in the world but especially so for those in Japan and Asia.”

**Kimio Kase**, Professor of International University of Japan
“After reading carefully the Kindai Management Review I would like to commend you and your team for setting up such a quality publication. I strongly believe that the journal will soon get its place in academia thus it will be appreciated by academics and practitioners in the field on Innovation and Management.”

Dimitrios V. Nikolaidis, Head, Business Administration & Economics Department, The University of Sheffield

“My comment is WOW! I have shared it around here and others have said the same. Your big challenge now is delivering on the high expectations that come from the first volume - but I think that’s a good challenge.”

Stuart Read, Professor, IMD

“I find it very interesting and informative. I will circulate your request for papers for the journal to the staff in the Business School.”

George Benwell, Dean and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Otago Business School

On behalf of the editorial board, I should express our gratitude to all the readers who sent in their comment to us. Please kindly continue to support us.

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