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## **Editor's Note**

With the start of this volume, this journal will enter its fourth year of activity. Somewhat insecurely and in an almost frowning atmosphere, it was launched almost three years ago by the bold initiative of Maejo University's research administrator, Associate Professor Chalermchai Panyadee and also as a result of the far-sighted vision and the venturing cowboy-like spirit of the University President, Associate Professor Thep Pongpanich. As the real founders of this journal, they both have made a fair share of upgrading the journal standard for the country's scientific community.

Apparently, the journal is one of the newest ever published in this country although it seems to have gained overwhelming support from contributors both local and abroad. Unfortunately, this has forced us to reluctantly narrow down the scope of the journal in order to cope with the number of contributions. It now does not cover the field of engineering science except that of agro-engineering.\*

We sincerely thank all the helpful members of the editorial board and all the enthusiastic contributors, both new and old, regular and casual, for choosing our journal to publish their research work. They are the real supporters and a key factor in the steady progress of this journal.

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\* **Corrigendum:** The field of engineering is still covered in this volume.