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FROM THE PRESIDENT



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First of all, I thank many people all around the world who have helped and encouraged the Japanese people and Japan since the Tohoku earthquake, subsequent tsunami, and the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. We had nearly 200,000 victims, mainly from the tsunami, and hundreds of thousands of refugees were displaced from their homes by the tsunami and the nuclear accident.

A year has already passed since we joined the *Elements* family. In 2011, led by former president Eiji Ohtani, the Society made several innovations. Participation in *Elements* was one of these and had been our long-standing desire; just after the foundation of *Elements*, we had been invited to join the *Elements* family. I am very happy that we can now show our activities through *Elements* to people involved in mineralogy and geochemistry around the world. Readers may have already recognized that our Society has members with a wide variety of interests, including the Earth's core, mantle, crust, and surface, as well as other planets. In addition, some members are working on synthesized materials, microbes, the atmosphere (ancient and modern), and especially global environments.

I just want to touch on our journal, the *Journal of Mineralogical and Petrological Sciences*. Like *Elements*, our journal is bimonthly. This is one of the reasons why we display the contents of the latest issue in our Society News column. If you are interested in any of the articles, just visit the journal's home page (<http://jams.la.coocan.jp/jmps.htm>), where you can access them for free!

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INVITATION TO THE JAPAN GEOSCIENCE UNION MEETING 2013

We are pleased to inform you that the annual meeting of the Japan Geoscience Union will be held on 19–24 May 2013 at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan. More than 40 international sessions will be held. A preliminary list of the international sessions related to the mineralogical and petrological sciences follows. More information is available at www.jpgu.org/meeting_e/.

- Planetary processes from meteorites and experimental work
- Subsurface mass transport and environmental assessment
- Global earthquake and volcanic eruption risks in the Asia-Pacific region (G-EVER)
- Trench slip in megathrust earthquakes
- Mineral physics and dynamics of deep planetary interiors
- Origin, evolution, and destruction of oceanic plates
- Geofluids and their roles in the dynamics of the Earth's interior
- Collision, subduction, and metamorphic processes
- Geodynamics of off-arc volcanism and back-arc opening
- Deep carbon cycle
- Evolution of continental crust and Project IBM
- Biocalcification and the geochemistry of proxies

