Notice of temporary suspension of publication of Progress in Informatics

Due to various circumstances, publication of *Progress in Informatics*, a journal issued by the National Institute of Informatics (NII), will be suspended temporarily following No. 11, the current issue.

At the time of its establishment in April 2000, the NII began semiannual publication of the NII Journal, an academic journal with a primary focus on research on state-of-the-art technologies and technological surveys in the field of informatics. Former NII Executive Director of Research Kinji Ono chaired the journal's editorial committee. Publication of the NII Journal ended with issue No. 8. In April 2004, the journal reemerged as Progress in Informatics, an international primarily English-language journal. The first chair of the editorial committee of Progress in Informatics was Prof. Masamitsu Negishi (former Director of the NII's International and Research Cooperation Department), followed from 2006 by NII Deputy Director General Prof. Yoh'ichi Tohkura . Through issue No. 11, Progress in Informatics has been published annually.

Although publication of *Progress in Informatics* will cease temporarily, the editors wish to express their deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to and supported the journal to date, including authors, readers, and those involved in the editorial process. The editors expect *Progress in Informatics* to reemerge in a new form at some future point.

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