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PREFACE

It is my pleasure to publish the Proceedings of the Design Symposium on Conservation of Ecosystems (SEASTAR2000). Within the proceedings are 18 papers which are the part of the reports presented at the 8th International Symposium on SEASTAR2000 and Asian Biology Science (The 12th SEASTAR2000 workshop) in Bangkok on February 20 – 21, 2012. The Design Symposium series have been a designated educational program of the Kyoto University Design School since 2012. Therefore, the proceedings will form a textbook which aims to contribute to the education at the school, especially in the practice of the field design internship.

We are undertaking many projects which focus on the aquatic animal species in Southeast Asia throughout this decade under the cooperation of the related countries. However, very little is known about many of these species whilst the implementation of their conservation is becoming an increasingly pressing problem throughout Southeast Asia. Because of this, it has become crucially important to discuss these issues among all researchers and administrators from the countries concerned. Through the Design Symposium, I hope to continue this discussion and create the next generation of ideas.

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