Editor's Message to Special Issue of "Students' and Young Researchers' Papers"

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It is our great pleasure to publish the special issue of "Students' and Young Researchers' Papers" in the IPSJ Journal of Information Processing (JIP). This special section focuses on original work by students and young researchers within all research areas of our society (IPSJ).

One of the most important mission of our IPSJ is to promote activities by students and young researchers who will lead the next generation. Cutting-edge technologies in information processing have achieved by young researchers' hard and steady work. It is of benefit to our society that young researchers are sustainably fostered and trained. Timely and speedy publication of research outcomes by young researchers will not only contribute to the progress of information science but will help the researchers to get good positions and generous grants.

We welcomed to submit a paper on any research topic of our society, so long as the first author of it is either a student or a young researcher. We received far more submissions than expected. Out of 21 submissions, 6 papers are accepted (i.e. acceptance ratio is 29%).

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to all authors for their submission to this issue. Thanks are also due to all the reviewers and the editors for their contribution to the scrupulous review process.

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