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## Message from Managing Editor

Continuing on from the previous issue of *Ascent*, this latest issue features the activities of RTRI's research divisions.

In this issue, we introduce three research divisions: the Railway Dynamics Division, the Environmental Engineering Division, and the Human Science Division. The Railway Dynamics Division focuses on interdisciplinary fundamental research, including research on boundary and interface issues. The Environmental Engineering Division specializes in aerodynamics and acoustics, and the Human Science Division conducts research on human factors, including research in the field of labor science. By introducing the activities of these research divisions, we hope to provide our readers with a better understanding of the diverse research and development at RTRI.

Furthermore, RTRI places significant importance on collaborative relationships with partners around the world. These partnerships are supporting RTRI's R&D efforts introduced in this issue, such as the development of international standards. We hope to continue strengthening our ties with our partners for the worldwide development of railway technologies.

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