Remarks on Special Issue on Engineering

In recent years, we have witnessed a change of the destination in manufacturing, namely the shift to the manufacturing in order to create a society that pursues environmental protection as well as economic growth, from the manufacturing based on the mass-production and mass-consumption ideology. The Engineering Divisions Group has pointed out the three areas of the environment, energy and city revitalization as matters of the utmost importance in the 21st century. Living in abundance, in safety and in comfort are our primary goals, and the Group has thus strived to attain a so-called solution engineering to provide an optimum form of manufacturing. It is the type of manufacturing not only harmonized with the environment but also sustaining economical efficiency in any infrastructures.

In what at first glance appears to be an incongruent endeavor, Nippon Steel Corporation intends to go forward to find out the optimum balance between economy and ecology, while further enhancing each specialty of those three divisions. We firmly believe that pushing ahead with technical developments is our duty for producing the balance. We look forward to hearing further readers’ opinions and suggestions.