

From Founding Editor-in-Chief

Almost three years have passed since the first outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19, and world affairs have turned into an even more chaotic situation with the Russian invasion of the Ukraine; as a result, not only the social environment but also the economic situation is changing. It is essential to build a strong organization which can be recognized by the world on this occasion. It is also necessary to contribute to building a new society that leaves no one left out while paying close attention to the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). The SDGs are advocated by the United Nations and have 17 goals.

Journal of Global Tourism Research (JGTR) is published twice a year and has successfully reached its seventh year. Vol. 7, No. 1 was published in May of this year. This journal has been continuously published so far thanks to the support of the editorial board members, readers and the secretariat. This journal deals with 'Tourism' as a core, and further more 'Logistics', 'Information', 'Human mobility', 'Regional vitalization', and 'Acts on tourism' (namely, a wide range of fields). We are aiming for an academic journal that interests many readers while also asking for submissions of research etc. from various specialties. Especially, this journal strives to publish a journal which can contribute to society continuously and impact on the world, and further more promote tourism research from female viewpoints.

World Economic Forum (WEF) released 'The Global Gender Gap Report 2021' in March 2021 and as a result the Gender Gap Index (GGI) was published. It indicates the gender gap in various countries and is shown in the range of 0 to 1 (0 indicates complete sexual discrimination and 1 indicates perfect equality). The value for Japan is 0.656 and this is 120th out of 156 countries, which is considerably low (the first place is Ireland with 0.892, United States ranks 30th, Korea is 102nd, and China is 107th). The lowest of the four fields (which are politics, economy, education, and health) is the politics field (GGI = 0.049). Also, it has been pointed out that in the economic field, the percentage of female managers is low (14.7 %).

The advancement of women as managers is also eagerly required in the academic field. It is important to encourage new sensibility and systems which can support the tourism industry scientifically through the necessary activities of women. Professor Urata (Graduate School of Information Science, Nagoya University) became a new senior editor of this journal. She is active in the fields of DX (Digital transformation) and tourism promotion, including regional revitalization. We greatly appreciate her increasing contributions to this journal as a senior editor.

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