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Editor's postscript

Editorial staff changing for maternity leave

I would like to let you know that I have turned over my duty as an editorial staffer to a new member as I am on maternity leave. About a year and a half have passed since I began doing editorial work, and I am grateful to my colleagues and other people around me for making it possible to come thus far.

In preparation for the arrival of my baby, I am participating in mothers' classes and seeking advice from my mother. Will I really be able to make it as a mother? Motherhood is something that I cannot quite visualize at the moment. Nonetheless, during the year in which I will be away from work and concentrating on childbirth and infant rearing, I hope I will be able to find enjoyment in any experience that comes my way. I look forward to coming back in one year's time.

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M. Harada

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Since joining JEF in 1989, the year when the Japanese era name was changed from *Showa* to *Heisei*, I have been doing work related to JEF-sponsored international conferences. As the colleague above is on maternity leave, I have been given the challenging opportunity to do editorial work in her place.

I took maternity leave myself five years ago, just when she joined JEF. When I came back to work I was pleasantly surprised to discover that she had done a remarkably fine job of filing papers. I clearly remember how the worries I had about returning to work were swept away in that instant. It's a memory I would like to keep in mind as I engage myself in editorial work.

M. Watanabe