



## Preface

Preface for the TSB-JSME Joint Issue on "Orthopaedic Biomechanics"

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It has been long time in establishing academic collaboration and friendship in biomechanical engineering between Taiwan and Japan through the Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics founded by Professor Takami Yamaguchi, Tohoku University in 2003. Taiwanese Society of Biomechanics (TSB) is one of founding members of Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics. Biomechanical Engineering is a rapid growing research field in Asia countries. The Journal of Biomechanical Science and Engineering (JBSE), published by the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers, is a world renowned journal to provide a platform to publish the outstanding and innovative research outcome.

When I visited Professor Taiji Adachi in Kyoto in March 2012, the idea of TSB-JSME Joint Issue was raised. Through the strong support and help of Professor Takashi Ushida, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus and Professor SaiWei Yang, former TSB President, the JBSE is also the official journal of TSB. This publication of TSB-JSME joint issue is a milestone to promote the academic collaboration between Taiwan and Japan. It will encourage more Taiwanese biomechanical engineers to submit the papers to be considered for publication on JBSE. Also, JBSE's editorial board consists of international recognized scholars which will make this Journal more successful.

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