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The *JACET Kansai Journal* Editorial Committee is pleased to present *JACET Kansai Journal No. 12* which carries the first invited paper, a new article category, written by former Kansai Chapter President Yasuteru Otani. It is hoped that invited papers, which reflect the opinions and ideas of the authors, will stimulate discussion and research among Kansai Chapter members. This issue also launched a category for papers based on presentations given at a JACET Chapter or National Convention. These new types of papers were added to expand the range of topics and increase opportunities for active information exchange. All papers are presented in their order of submission within each category, in keeping with the practice of giving priority to earlier submission.

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