

Editors Script

I wrote three consecutive articles in the middle of the Heisei era. At that time, I had no literary talent so proofread my articles over and over again in response to comments by editors, while complaining "Why do I have to write consecutive articles?". Fifteen years have passed since then. When I read the articles of other engineers in this Technical Review, I can recognize anew the necessity of taking a step forward, creating new things, revealing them to the public, cultivating them, and taking another step forward. It reminds me when my boss told me "A plateau is the same as a slope". He added "The difference in speed of improvement or development between us and our competitors will be the difference in profits, and you win only when you go forward faster than competitors". I expect all KYB engineers, including those who contributed to this Technical Review, will do their best even in the toughest of situations. (NOGUCHI)

Our way of living has changed dramatically during the coronavirus pandemic. Many people now take it for granted that they can work at home using the Internet and attending web meetings. Meetings of our editorial board are also held online. On holidays, going camping has become popular because of few chances to have close contact with each other. I am one of these camping converts. Still, I felt a little complicated when I learned the demand for enjoying "inconvenience" in a sense while digitization has improved convenience. KYB Technical Review is also a consequence of responding to a variety of customer and inhouse needs. I would like to continue providing information on KYB technologies and experiences. (HAYASE)

There is a trend for automobiles and construction machinery to introduce automated driving and remote control. We are always concerned with how we should cope with or follow such trend as a hydraulic component manufacturer. Against such a background, I became an editor checking articles for the Technical Review. I sometimes find a lot of helpful hints in recent KYB Technical Reviews. In spite of the tough circumstances connected to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am very proud of the engineers who have developed and produced various products in different sites. By leveraging the total engineering prowess of the overall KYB Group, I would like to further promote technical development. (KOBAYASHI)

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