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Every work is respectable and glorious, in which intellectual work takes a leading role in human development and evolution. Intellectual work is not only a hard work and perseverance, but it is a work always to pursue new findings that creates the basic foundation for all developments. Professor Dr. Reddy, who has published over 720 journal papers and 21 textbooks, is an outstanding role model by his love of work and talent. His distinguished contributions to applied mechanics through research and education have impacted generations of engineers.

This year, 2020, we celebrate the 75th birthday anniversary of Professor J.N. Reddy. In recognition of his outstanding contributions *the Vietnam Journal of Mechanics* dedicates the September issue for this solemn event. Congratulation does not only go to Dr. Reddy but to all the righteous scientists who have worked very hard for the advancement of humanity.

A birthday is a happy day with bright smiles and vivid sounds. So the September issue is a light music coffee - seminar, in which besides hot scientific topics, there are also discussions about other interests, especially problems that have not been already identified at all for completing. It might be an idea that flashes in a moment of spontaneity, or is the result of an enduring feeling. In particular, this light music coffee - seminar has the indispensable participation of Professor J.N. Reddy himself with his candid sharing of valuable experiences gathered in the process of teaching and research.

Another prominent aspect of a light coffee - seminar is that the colors of everyday life are also mentioned when reading the wishes and feelings of scientists for Dr. Reddy. Due to its limited framework the September issue is a collection of articles of invited authors only.

I am extremely grateful for everyone who helped and contributed to the success of the September issue. Special thanks to Professors K.J. Bathe and I. Elishakoff for their enthusiasm to motivate and share valuable experiences.

I am delighted to introduce and welcome all readers to the September issue. We warmly wish Professor J.N. Reddy and you all good health with bright smiles, continued success and a life full of ripe fruit and fresh flowers!

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