

## FOREWORD

Since the institution of the Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific, it has issued two kinds of serial scientific publications. One is the "Memoirs of the Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific" and the other is the "Occasional Papers". The former publication contains scientific dissertations covering various fields of study while the latter is composed mainly either of the records of symposiums auspiced by the Research Center or of scientific surveys carried out in Oceania and Southeast Asia.

Now we are pleased to announce the addition of a new sort of compilation to the Occasional Papers series. As mentioned in the authors' preface, this treatise is intended to introduce useful publications and available documents especially on the socio-economic aspects of fisheries in the South Pacific and in Southeast Asia for the use of all concerned researchers.

I sincerely admire the authors' perpetual collection efforts since some publications have been buried in oblivion for many years and were difficult to obtain. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the authors for giving us the chance to publish this treatise, and hope that this publication will be utilized for the better understanding and benefit of the people of the South Pacific and Southeast Asia.

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