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doctoral degree. The distinction is merely conventional to make
the words appear in a better correspondence to some English
equivalents.

INTRODUCTION

This issue constitutes the seventh of the annual reports from the Research Institute of Logopedics and Phoniatics, which was established as an affiliate to the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tokyo by a grant from the national government of Japan. The first research section, in my charge, is devoted to fundamental research on speech and language, including linguistic, experimental phonetic, and information-science studies. Established in 1965, it was first under the direction of Dr. Ichiro Kirikae, professor in charge of the oto-rhino-laryngology department of the University at that time. The second research section, granted in 1971 for physiological studies in speech and language, is under Dr. Masayuki Sawashima, a laryngologist by training. We are proposing two more research sections to complete this organization: one for research in speech and language pathology, another for perceptual and psycholinguistic studies.

The present staff is nominally small, but in effect larger, because many researchers from Japan and abroad join us in cooperative work. We are happy to report here some of our research results in preliminary form for exchange of information and cooperative technical discussions with other research groups all over the world. Most of the projects reported on here will appear in more formal publications later, but quotations are welcome strictly for research purposes, with the understanding of the preliminary nature of these reports. It is advisable, therefore, to contact the author(s) beforehand, since more recent or corrective information may be available, perhaps as a more formal publication in preparation.

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