

## **JSA Group Formation Announcement**

On April 1, 2019, the Japanese Standards Association (JSA) began operating as the Japanese Standards Association Group (JSA Group).

JSA, in light of revisions to the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) Act (enacted on May 23, 2018, effective from May 30, 2018), which were designed to strengthen the system for promoting standardization at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), while aiming to remain a non-governmental certification board based on that act, has been examining methods to improve organizational systems in such ways as separating sections responsible for standards development and standards certification, in an effort to further promote the globalization of standardization activities.

Consequently, based on a meeting held by the JSA Board of Directors on June 11, 2018, a plan for establishing a JSA "group" was approved, and starting from April 1, 2019, JSA, JSA Solutions Co., Ltd. (JSA-SOL), and the Japanese Registration of Certificated Auditors and Experts (JRCA) were newly established and these three entities began operation as JSA Group.

As the national center for standardization in Japan, JSA Group offers total solutions to clients for standardization consultation, standards development, and utilization support including organizational and personnel certification.

We appreciate your ongoing understanding and support.