

## EDITORIAL

*Patience will be required to coexist sustainably in the COVID-19 era.*

The world has been stunned by the COVID-19 pandemic. As of August 2020, more than 700,000 people have died of the infection. Humankind is going through unprecedented economic recession and political instability due to the worst global health disaster in a hundred years. This crisis might be, however, a warning of nature against reckless human society which was rushing forward without considering sustainability. Under the influence of globalization, each of us was competing for more affluence without caring about our neighbors. In a sense, the virus has forcibly stopped this zero-sum race. COVID-19 will bring an enormous transformation to the human world. In the post-COVID 19 era, more patience will be needed for peaceful and sustainable coexistence.

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