Preface

Special issue dedicated to Professor Yasunori Fujikoshi

It is a great pleasure for me to have been associated with this special issue of *Journal of Multivariate Analysis* dedicated to Professor Yasunori Fujikoshi.

The purpose of this special issue is to honor Professor Fujikoshi on his retirement from the Hiroshima University in March 2005. The editorial board for this project was formed by Professor Hiroto Hyakutake (Kyushu University) and Professor Yutaka Kano (Osaka University). The contributors have been associated with Professor Fujikoshi or have worked in multivariate analysis or related fields and were enlisted by Professor Fujikoshi and Professor Wakaki (Hiroshima University).

While this issue was in the writing, the symposium “Theory of Statistical Inference and Its Application” in honor of Professor Yasunori Fujikoshi was held on January 28–29, 2005, at Hiroshima Prince Hotel, Hiroshima, Japan. This symposium was organized by Professor Megu Ohtaki (Hiroshima University) and Professor Hirofumi Wakaki (Hiroshima University). Some of the papers in this issue originated as invited talks at this symposium.

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