

EDITOR'S PREFACE

In this issue, 5 original research papers are presented. The first paper explains the authors attempts to purify and characterize an extracellular enantioselective lipase from *Aspergillus niger*, an important component for the manufacture of chiral drugs such as ibuprofen. The second papers describe the identification of a highly abundant lectin in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, with potential application for biopesticides against nematode. In the third paper, the authors explain an association of a polymorphism in the α -lactoglobulin gene on milk yield and quality in local sheep. The fourth paper describes the authors efforts to construct a synthetic human erythropoietin (EPO) in an attempt to obtain high-yield production of the protein in yeast. And the fifth papers describes the newly develop a method to do micropropagation of buah merah (*Pandanus conoideus* Lam), which is a potentially important source for anticancer medication.

The Editor