Greetings Dear Readers of TOJDE,

First of all, please accept my excuse for the reason that the first time TOJDE is a few days delayed to reach its readers in its publication life. I am the most responsibility person for this delaying

July 2007 issue of TOJDE is on your screen now again. This is a special issue on the theme on "Web 2.0 and Social Software in Distance Education", as being Vol. 8, No. 3. Preparing of this special issue took nearly eight months, from the beginning to the arrival to your screen.

A short story of this special issue is here if you are interested in. First idea and suggestion came from me to my dear colleagues, Dr. Mark J. W. LEE who is from Charles Sturt University, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA and Dr. Hakan G. SENEL from Turkey, who is Director at the Computer Research and Development Center (BAUM) of Anadolu University. After, we agreed on the topic all together we started to announcing as a call for paper at many medium, institutions, governmental or non- governmental organizations, experts, and so on.

The seven articles and one study (at "notes for Editor" section) published in this special issue were written by twenty authors, from 7 different countries include Australia, Italy, The United Kingdom, Turkey and USA. In addition, two book reviews is also published.

I would like to express my sincere thanks that goes to each of them, and valuable panelists for this special issue, in the name of my university and TOJDE.

I strongly believe that experience gained on this special issue would encourage us and other interested colleagues in the field for the near future. Below you will find short biodata on my valuable guest editors.

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In the other sections are again in the same format as usual as TOJDE's presenting style. News and some announcements are placed in this issue too.

**Hope to stay in touch and meeting in our next Issue, in October 2007.
Cordially, July, 2007**

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