Preface

This volume is a collection of ten recent contributions to the Generative Study of the Japanese language. The contributors do not agree on all major issues, and the aim of this volume is not to present a coherent answer to the issues in the field. The goal instead is to present a collection of papers that would form bases for the future studies in Japanese Generative Grammar. We believe that the papers in this volume are significant not only because they provide interesting answers to various problems, but also because they raise interesting new issues, which we hope will be discussed extensively in the future. We hope that the works in this volume will be examined closely, criticized productively, and extended in various ways to advance the field.

We started working on this volume in 1982. Saito solicited papers in the U.S., while Imai collected papers in Japan and did the final editing. All the papers submitted to this volume were refereed by outside reviewers, and we made the decision on the content of this volume on the basis of the opinions of those reviewers. We would like to thank those who kindly agreed to review papers for us, as well as those who gave us valuable advice on the selection of papers; Diana Archangeli, Noam Chomsky, Nigel Fabb, Naoki Fukui, Kenneth Hale, Morris Halle, Nobuko Hasegawa, James Higginbotham, Hajime Hoji, Chisato Kitagawa, Jan Koster, Douglas Pulleyblank, and Henk van Riemsdijk.

The papers in this volume were revised, in most cases extensively, after the authors agreed to publish them here. The revision process took only three months for some papers, but over two years for others,. Consequently, the date we received the final manuscript varies considerably, depending on the paper. We apologize profusely for the delay in the publications of this volume, especially to those authors who sent their final manuscripts early, and to the authors of those papers whose review process took much longer than expected. We thank them for their patience.

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