

## PREFACE

Thank you for buying the Sharp Personal Computer MZ-80 series FDOS.

To make the best use of the FDOS, read the instruction manual thoroughly and perform the operations described correctly; this will enable you to make most effective use of the system.

- The master diskette cannot be replaced after it is purchased; therefore be sure to use the COPY command to create a submaster diskette for normal use.
- It is particularly important to read and understand the explanations of the following commands before using FDOS.

- **FORMAT command** (page 37 of the **System Command** manual)

Before using FDOS with a new diskette, it must be formatted and initialized for FDOS. The file contents of diskettes initialized for use with other systems (e.g., SA-6000 series) will be destroyed if used with this system. Likewise, diskettes initialized with FDOS cannot be used with other systems.

- **COPY command** (page 32 of the **System Command** manual)

This command allows creation of submaster diskettes from the master diskette and of backup diskettes for slave diskettes.

- Since the FDOS operating instructions are divided into several parts, a guide is included to enable easy reference as needed. Full understanding of FDOS is not a prerequisite to making active use of it; refer to the guide as needed and your knowledge of the system will grow as you use it.