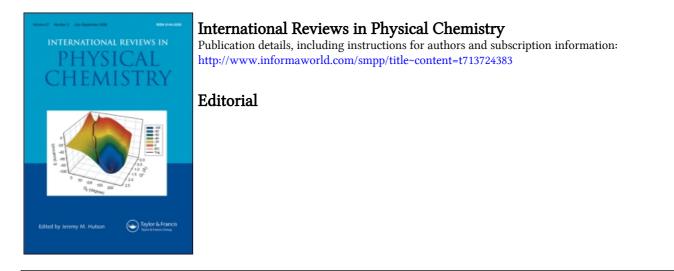
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## Editorial

This double issue of *International Reviews in Physical Chemistry* consists entirely of articles by Japanese authors. This collection of six articles by distinguished scientists will give readers in other parts of the world the opportunity to appreciate the quality and range of current research in physical chemistry in Japan.

It was originally intended to include articles on photochemistry and on studies of chemical reactions by means of quantum chemistry, and we hope that these, as well as other articles from Japan, will be published in forthcoming issues.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the contributors to this special issue.

The Editors