



Introduction

This special issue of the *Journal of Inclusion Phenomena and Macrocyclic Chemistry* was planned on the occasion of the second Asian Cyclodextrin Conference (ACC) held on September 15 and 16, 2003, at Sapporo, Japan. The 1st ACC was successfully held in 2002 at Chiba with support from the Society of Cyclodextrins, Japan. The aim of ACC is development of the science as well as the technology of cyclodextrins by deepening the exchange between scientists and engineers in Asia and Oceania.

This special issue is composed of two categories, original and mini-review articles. The articles were written by distinguished authors in Asia and Oceania who attended the first and second ACC. The issue covers whole fields of cyclodextrin sciences. Readers of

this issue will recognize the high level of cyclodextrin science and technology in Asia and Oceania. Asia and Oceania have an advantage in carbohydrate science and technology, because Asia is the center of the world where various kinds of agricultural products containing carbohydrates are produced. We hope that the science and technology transmitted from Asia and Oceania will contribute to academic and industrial fruitfulness in the cyclodextrin world.

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