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PREFACE

The Japan-U.S. Seminar on Advanced Materials Based on Macro-molecules was held October 29-November 2, 1990, at the Tokyo Garden Palace Hotel. Primary sponsors of the Seminar were the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the U.S. National Science Foundation, and important supplementary contributions were received from U.S. and Japanese industrial organizations.

The Seminar was the fifth in a series of bilateral meetings between Japanese and American scientists concerned with polymer synthesis, and focused on recent synthetic advances that provide enhanced control of polymer structure and that promise new developments in optical, electronic, biomedical, and high-strength materials. The Seminar was limited by the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Science Program to 12 participants from each country plus observers from the sponsoring industrial laboratories. The focus on synthesis, coupled with the small size of the gathering, created an atmosphere supportive of vigorous and detailed discussion. The present volume contains summaries of 14 of the lectures delivered at the Seminar and captures much of the flavor of the meeting. As co-organizers of the Seminar, we are indebted to the participants and the sponsoring organizations for their contributions, and we thank the Editor of the Journal of Macromolecular Science—Chemistry for providing a forum for dissemination of our discussions.

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