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GUEST EDITOR'S PREFACE

The Korea-Japan Joint Forum, Organic Materials for Electronics and Photonics, KJF 2000, held at Kyoto Research Park, Kyoto on October 4-6, 2000, was a series following on from the first forum, KJF'89, held in Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Seoul in 1989. The main objective of this forum was to discuss on the recent progress in organic materials research, and to promote collaboration between Korea and Japan in those fields. The forum covers the following 5 topics: (1) Electro-luminescence, (2) Optical Properties and Devices, (3) Fabrication and Characterization, (4) Molecular Recognition, Sensor and Bioelectronics, and (5) Novel Techniques and Molecular Electronics.

The Program of the forum consisted of 13 invited lectures, 18 oral presentations, and 97 poster contributions. More than 150 scientists and students from both countries attended this conference, including 72 from Korea and 80 from Japan. After usual reviewing, 90 out of the submitted papers were selected for publication in this special issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the participants for the contribution with the great success of the forum, and also to all my colleagues who have devoted themselves to prepare and to support the conference. I would also like to thank to Dr. Young Mee Jung, Hanyang University, and Dr. Kenji Ishida and students from the Matsushige's Laboratory, Kyoto University, and my colleagues, Dr. Kaoru Tamada, Dr. Nobutaka Tanigaki, Dr. Koji Abe, Dr. Shuichiro Kuwajima, Mr. Shuichi Nagamatsu, Dr. Takanori Tano, Dr. Sumio Maruyama and Ms. Kayoko Takada, who did all the administrative work throughout the forum, and Prof. Dr. Hirokazu Tada, Institute for Molecular Science, Prof. Dr. Jeong Weon Wu, Ewha Womans University, for their great efforts to manage the forum as the Secretary Generals of both countries. I am also greatly indebted to Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki Sasabe, Chitose Institute of Science and Technology, Prof. Dr. Yoshi Taniguchi, Shinshu University, and Prof. Dr. Kazumi Matsushige, Kyoto University, for

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KJF 2001 will be held on September 25–27, 2001 at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea under the chairmanship of Professor Soo Young Park of Seoul National University.

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