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## Preface

This special issue of *Molecular Crystal and Liquid Crystal* contains a compilation of manuscripts submitted for the proceedings of Korea-Japan Joint Forum 2004 (KJF2004) through the peer review process based on the journal standard. KJF2004 was held on November 3–6, 2004 at Okinawaken Seinenkaikan, Okinawa, Japan and was the most recent of a series of annual conferences started in 1989 that focus on organic materials for electronics and photonics. The number of the contributors has increased drastically for fifteen years as the research field takes on importance. The KJFs have played an important role to lead this research field in both countries. More than 200 active participants witnessed the expanding frontier in organic electronics and photonics through 2 plenary talks, 26 oral presentations and 163 poster presentations at the 16th conference, KJF2004.

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