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The 18th International Symposium on Advanced Display Materials and Devices (ADMD 2014) was held at Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan on July 23-25, 2014.

The forerunner of ADMD, “International Symposium on Liquid-Crystalline Materials and Devices (LCMD),” started by the collaboration between Professor Lee-Soon Park of Kyungpook National University (at present, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology), Korea and Professor Tomiki Ikeda of Tokyo Institute of Technology (at present, Chuo University), Japan in 1997. The science and technology of flat-panel displays (FPDs) have been remarkably advanced over the past decade to realize commercial production of new type of FPDs like PDP and OLED in addition to LCD. In 2004, therefore, the name of the symposium was changed from LCMD to ADMD to include these advanced display devices, and the publication of the proceedings of ADMD was started as a special issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*.

In ADMD 2014, 4 plenary lectures, 18 invited papers, and 100 poster papers were presented and there were over 100 participants. Issues 617 and 618 present the proceedings of ADMD 2014 containing selected papers, which have been classified into LCD (12), PDP (6), Solar Cell (5), LED (2), OLED (9), and Thin Film (11) according to their contents (the figures in parentheses are the number of papers). These figures reflect the trend of the research and development on FPDs and their closely related areas.

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ADMD 2014 was organized successfully, which is thanks to the contribution by many people: invited speakers, participants, reviewers of the papers submitted to this special issue and also to Ms. Shana Meyer, Production Editor of this volume for minute editing.

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