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## Introduction

This volume contains selected papers presented orally at the first Asia-Pacific Catalysis Congress held in Kyongju, South Korea, 2–5 November 1997. The Congress was an outgrowth of a large number of bilateral and multilateral meetings on catalysis held among the catalysis communities in the Asia-Pacific region during the past decades, and we were greatly encouraged by the enthusiastic support received from the catalysis organizations of Australia, China, Japan, and the United States. It was held under the auspices of Korean Institute of Chemical Engineers which is the umbrella organization for all the catalysis research professionals in Korea. The technical program consisted of three plenary lectures, 64 oral presentations in the two simultaneous sessions each dealing with fundamental research and industrial applications, and 81 poster presentations.

We are pleased that *Catalysis Today* has agreed to publish these papers as a separate issue. Professor Makoto Misono, the Associate Editor, has been most helpful in the course of editing these papers, and we are happy to acknowledge it. The technical program was organized by the Research Center for Catalytic Technology (RCCT) of the Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), and numerous people helped the organizing endeavors, but I wish to especially acknowledge Professor Jae Sung Lee of POSTECH who undertook the arduous task of the General Secretary of the organizing committee as well as the co-editor of this issue.

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