

Preface

Catalysis for the Environment and New Energy Sources

The TOCAT4 Pre-Conference was held near the summit of Mt. Rokko in Kobe on 12 July 2002 with a total of 85 participants from France, Italy, Germany, USA, UK, Spain, Hungary, The Netherlands, Korea and Japan both from academia and industry.

The scientific program included one plenary lecture, three invited lectures, and 15 oral presentations focusing on catalysis and photocatalysis for the environment and new energy sources for the future.

These up-to-date contributions were classified into four sessions: Environmental Catalysis, Photocatalysis, Catalysis for New Energy, and Catalysis for Fuel Cells. This special issue was edited along these lines.

After collecting all of the contributing papers, the session chairperson(s) has reviewed the papers over carefully with two other referees. We hope that these works will not only contribute to a greater understanding of catalysis but also stimulate further research into the protection of our environment.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all of the participants who contributed to the great success of the TOCAT4 Pre-Conference in Kobe.

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