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PREFACE

Organic materials have many noteworthy characteristics, such as a variety of molecular designs, processibility, device architectures and cost performance. Scientific and technological developments in organic materials, especially in electronics and optoelectronics, are remarkably rapid, making it increasingly difficult to keep abreast of the latest advances in the field. For this reason, it is important for researchers in academia and industry to periodically convene for the purpose of sharing information about their individual research.

Japan remains at the forefront of organic materials research, with Korea making astonishingly quick progress in the last few years. The annual Korea-Japan Joint Forum on organic materials was formed in 1990 to allow for the exchange of the most advanced information, the discussion of mutual interests and the possible collaboration under the sponsorship of the Japanese Research Association for Organic Electronics Materials (JOEM), the Division of Molecular Electronics & Bio-Electronics (M&BE) of the Japan Society of Applied Physics, the Korea Institute of Science & Technology (KIST) and the Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT).

The Korea-Japan Joint Forum '92, held October 22–23, 1992, at the Institute of Physical & Chemical Research (RIKEN), Wako, Japan, focused on organic materials for electronics (including optoelectronics), and 42 papers were presented. This journal special issue includes 33 of those papers and covers preparation, electro-optics, nonlinear optics, photoconduction and photoelectrics, electrical properties and applications. The reader will be informed of the most advanced research and technology developed in both countries.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the speakers and participants, and also to Ms. Tomoko Nakagawa for her clerical assistance. The financial support from JOEM, M&BE, KIST and KRICT is also greatly appreciated.

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