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PREFACE

The Korea-Japan Joint Forum was pioneered by a group of distinguished scientists and engineers in the field of advanced functional polymeric materials in Korea and Japan. The first forum held on October 23–24, 1990 in KIST (Korea Institute of Science and Technology), Korea, had become an international symposium which was called "1st Korea-Japan Joint Forum '90 (KJF90)". At that time, the main organization was conducted by KIST and JOEM (The Japanese Research Association for Organic Electronic Materials). Most of the technical program was oriented to the topic of organic thin films. The second forum was held on October 22–23, 1991 in Korea again. The number of participants increased gradually and the research topics for the program were also diversified. On October 22–23, 1992, the third forum was held in RIKEN (The Institute of Physical and Chemical Research), Japan. A number of participants from Korea and Japan were gathered to communicate and intensively discuss their own work. In short, all the past forums were successfully conducted either in Korea or Japan. This year the forum was held in KOSEF (Korea Science and Engineering Foundation), Korea. The field has been further expanded to cover the research areas of electronic and photonic applications of organic materials. Simultaneously, an international "olympic" in the field of the science and technology called "Taejon EXPO" was held.

I would like to express my gratitude to the other organizing committee members and to all participants. I also appreciate very much the efforts of sponsors in both Korea and Japan for their invaluable assistance with this forum.

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