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PREFACE

There has been an increased interest in organic materials for electronics and photonics. A large number of scientists and engineers in Korea and Japan have been focussing on these fields. The Korea-Japan Joint Forum (KJF) started on October 1990 to allow for the exchange of recent information, discussion of mutual interests and possible collaborations. The Forum, as an annual meeting, has been held either in KIST (Korea Institute of Science and Technology) in Seoul, Korea or RIKEN (The Institute of Physical and Chemical Research) in Wako, Japan under the sponsorship of KIST, the Japanese Research Association for Organic Electronics Materials (JOEM) and the Division of Molecular Electronics and Bioelectronics (M&BE) of the Japan Society of Applied of Physics. The last meeting (KJF'93) was held on September 7–8, 1993, in KOSEF (Korea Science and Engineering Foundation), Taejon, Korea, during the period of an international exhibition in the field of science and technology called "Taejon EXPO". KJF'94 was held on October 6–7, 1994 at NIMC (National Institute of Materials and Chemical Research), Tsukuba Science City, Japan.

The Forum was held with ~ 100 participants from both countries and 85 papers were presented. This special issue includes 67 of those papers and includes nonlinear optical materials, liquid crystals, conducting polymers, organic electro-luminescence (EL) devices, optical memory as advanced materials, and fabrication, characterization and application of organic thin films.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express my great gratitude to all of the speakers and participants, and also to Ms. Tomoko Nakagawa for her clerical assistance. Financial support from M&BE, JOEM, NIMC, TFCBT (Tsukuba Foundation for Chemical and Bio-Technology), KIST, ME (the Division of Molecular Electronics of the Polymer Society of Korea) and KROPM (Korea Research Group of Organic Photonics Materials) is also greatly appreciated.

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