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### Guest Editor'S Preface

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## GUEST EDITOR'S PREFACE

Korea-Japan Joint Forum (KJF), an annual bilateral joint forum, has been successively organized since 1990. The objectives of KJF are to promote our research activities through sharing the most recent information, discussion of mutual interests between two countries on the field of advanced organic materials.

The Korea-Japan Joint Forum (KJF)'97 was held on September 5–6, 1997, at Kwangju Institute of Science and Technology (K-JIST) in Kwangju, Korea, with 166 participants (32 Japanese, 134 Korean). This forum covered current research activities on 'organic materials for electronics and photonics'. 124 papers were presented at the forum and 93 papers are published in this special issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*. Topics in this volume include 1) nonlinear optical materials, 2) photorefractive materials, 3) fabrication of thin films, 4) liquid crystals, 5) electroluminescence, 6) conducting polymers, and 7) applications and devices.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express my great gratitude to all of the speakers and participants, and especially to Dr. J. J. Kim (secretary general) for his great effort to arrange the forum. Financial support from K-JIST, ME (Division of Molecular Electronics, The Polymer Science of Korea), MB&E (Division of Molecular Electronics and Bioelectronics, The Japanese Society of Applied Physics), JOEM (The Japanese Research Association for Organic Electronics Materials) and Gordon and Breach Science Publishers is also greatly appreciated. KJF'98 will be held on June 30–July 1, 1998, in Sapporo, Japan.

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Co-chair of KJF'97