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PREFACE

Recent developments in research on organic materials and their application to electronics and photonics are so remarkable that it is important to exchange information among the societies in the world to catch up with, or lead this research field. The Korea-Japan Joint Forum (KJF) has been arranged since 1990 on a yearly basis to promote our research activities through sharing the most advanced information, discussion of mutual interests between two countries in the field of organic materials, and to establish possible collaboration. Already we can recognize so many examples of collaboration and/or joint research programs among Korean and Japanese research institutes/universities through the KJF.

The KJF'98 was held on June 30 and July 1, 1998, at the International Conference Hall of Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. In spite of the economic situation in Korea, 48 Korean participants joined the forum. Since the total number of participants was around 120, this number indicated the vital activity of Korean people. The forum covered the fields of organic nonlinear optics, photoresponsive systems, molecular assembly and Langmuir-Blodgett films, liquid crystals, organic electroluminescence, conducting materials, new techniques for scanning probe microscopy, and applications and devices. The number of presentations was 89 in total, and more than three quarters of them are presented in these proceedings. The quality of papers is of a high level, so each reader of this volume will recognize the steady development of research in this field in both countries.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express my great gratitude to all of the speakers and participants, and especially Prof. M. Shimomura for his great effort in arranging the forum at Hokkaido University. Financial support from M&BE (Division of Molecular Electronics and Bioelectronics, The Japanese Society of Applied Physics), JOEM (The Japanese Research Association for Organic Electronics Materials), RIKEN (The Institute of Physical & Chemical Research), KIST (Korea Institute of Science and Technology), ME (Division of Molecular Electronics, The Polymer Science of Korea), KROP (Korea Research Group of Organic Photonics Materials) and Gordon & Breach Science Publishers is also greatly appreciated.

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