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## Guest Editor's Preface

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## GUEST EDITOR'S PREFACE

The Korea-Japan Joint Forum (KJF) was held on September 9-11, 1999, in Kyongju, Korea, and celebrated its 10th anniversary with 170 participants from both countries. In the early days of KJF, the number of participants was around 50, mostly the invited lectures and a small number of poster presentations. However, the numbers have increased year by year, and at the same time, the quality of posters has a shown rapidly remarkable improvement. On this point the contribution from young Korean scientists was greatly appreciated. Since almost all the proceedings of KJF have been published as special issues of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*, readers can catch up with the history of KJF easily: MCLC 189 (KJF'89), 217 (KJF'90), 224 (KJF'91), 227 (KJF'92), 247 (KJF'93), 267 (KJF'94), 280 (KJF'95), 294-295 (KJF'96 as the 1st Asian Symposium on Organized Molecular Films (ASOMF'1)), 316 (KJF'97) and 322 (KJF'98). KJF covers the research field of "Organic Materials for Electronics and Photonics" since 1992, because this field has been most promising for industrial development in both Korea and Japan. Topics in KJF'99 are (i) Optical materials and related topics (nonlinear optics, photorefractive materials, liquid crystals), (ii) LB films, self-assembled monolayers and nanostructure control, (iii) Conducting polymers, (iv) Electroluminescent materials and devices, and (v) Device applications (photonic devices, rechargeable batteries, thin film transistors). Among these, the electroluminescent materials are the hottest topics for the coming display technology innovation. About two-thirds of the presented papers are collected in this proceedings after the peer review.

On behalf of the organizers I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the contributors (invited, oral and poster presentations) for their most advanced information and to all the participants for their enthusiastic discussion during the forum. I also express my special thanks to the local committee members for their inevitable efforts to arrange this forum at a wonderful old capital of Korea and keep it active and successful. The support from the following organizations is also highly appreciated: The Polymer Society of Korea, The Molecular Electronics Division (The Polymer Society of Korea), Division of Molecular and Bio-Electronics (Japanese Applied Physics), The Japanese Research Association for Organic Electronics Materials, Korea Institute of Science & Technology, Korea Research Group on Organized Molecular Assemblies, Center for Organic Photorefractive Materials (Korea), Organic Thin Films Laboratory (Korea), and Gordon and Breach Science Publishers.

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