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Foreword

Professor Lee-Soon Park of Kyungpook National University, Korea, and Professor Tomiki Ikeda of Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, discussed a possibility to have an international symposium on liquid-crystalline materials and devices since Korea and Japan are the leading countries in the field of liquid crystal displays (LCDs) and we believed that it would be quite fruitful for the research scientists in the related fields to come together, presenting their the state-of-the-art results, and discuss their results. We agreed to have the first international symposium on Liquid-Crystalline Materials and Devices (LCMD) on April in 1997 at Kyungpook National University at Daegu in Korea, in which the participants were mainly from Korea and Japan. The first international symposium was so successful that we decided to have the second symposium in Japan (LCMD98) in 1998. Since then, we have had international symposiums alternately in Korea and in Japan every year. In 2003, we decided to include other topics related to display materials and devices such as electroluminescence and organic light-emitting diodes, and changed the name of the symposium to “International Symposium on Advanced Display Materials and Devices (ADMD)”. In 2004, we had the ADMD2004 at Himeji in Japan, which Professor Nobuhiro Kawatsuki organized, and had many participants not only from Korea and Japan, but also from USA and China. This volume presents the Proceedings of the ADMD2004 held in Himeji on September 23 and 24, 2004.

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The ADMD2004 was organized successfully, which was owing to the help of many people: participants, reviewers of the papers submitted

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