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Preface

This special issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals* contains original research papers accepted as the proceedings of Korea–Japan Joint Forum 2006 (KJF 2006) through the peer review process based on the journal standard. KJF 2006 on Organic Materials for Electronics and Photonics was held on October 2 to 5, 2006 at Toki Messe, Niigata Convention Center, in the port city Niigata, Japan. Organic materials for the electronic and photonic applications have attracted a lot of attention in the fields of information technology, biotechnology and various fusion technologies because of the versatility of organics in molecular design.

The first KJF started with 30 members in 1989 for the exchange of information about recent advances in research on organic materials for electronics and photonics performed in Korea and Japan, and now this forum was the 18th and surprisingly expanded as one of the international forums. In KJF 2006, 274 active participants including 128 from Korea attended and there were two plenary lectures, 14 invited talks, 20 oral and 181 poster presentations. We believe that all participants enjoyed and took fruitful opportunity for scientific exchanges provided by KJF 2006.

On behalf of the KJF organizing committee, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all participants and contributors in KJF 2006. I especially would like to thank to Co-chair Prof. Kwang-Sup Lee and Co-secretary General Prof. Dong Hoon Choi for preparing and managing KJF 2006. I also thank to Honorary Chairs Prof. Jung-Il Jin and Prof. Hiroyuki Sasabe, KJF Committee Chairs Prof. Nakjoong Kim and Dr. Kiyoshi Yase and all KJF Committee members in both countries for their support. I deeply appreciate the financial support from Division of Organic Molecular Electronics and Bioelectronics, The Japan Society of Applied Physics, Niigata Visitors & Convention Bureau, Japan, The Sasaki Environment Technology Foundation, Japan and The Uchida Energy Science Promotion Foundation, Japan and Taylor & Francis.

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Chair of KJF 2006