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The KJF-International Conference on Organic Materials for Electronics and Photonics (ICOMEP) was held on August 23 to 26, 2009 at the Jeju KAL hotel in Jeju, Korea. The original research papers collected as conference proceedings were carefully reviewed following the journal's high standard and presented in this special issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*.

It is exciting and also important to manipulate the electrical and photonic properties of organic materials by controlling their structures, orientations, crystallinities, morphologies, etc. The knowledge that we find here can be applied to information technology, biotechnology and other fusion technology where manipulations of electrical and photonic signals are the basic and key elements of the application. The great advantage of organic materials stems from the versatility in molecular design and processing which resulted in the wide spectrum of properties. The self-organizing and long-range interaction of organic molecules with association of its structure and processing conditions are another important parameters to control materials properties. Thus, we can imagine more advanced and broadened application of organic materials in the near future.

After 20th conference of Korea-Japan Forum (KJF) on the same subject last year, the committee decided to open this bilateral conference to other Asian countries in this year. The conference name was slightly modified this year to KJF-ICOMEP for inviting more scientists in other Asian countries. This gesture was somewhat successful as participants from China and Taiwan were increased. This is important because new and more meaningful ideas tend to be conceived much easily by the discussion with scientists of diverse disciplines.

On the behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the participants of KJF-ICOMEP. Special thanks are due to Prof. Hiroyuki Sasabe and Prof. Nakjoong Kim, Honorary Chairs, Dr. Kyoshi Yase and Prof. Soo Young Park, KJF co-Chairs, Prof. Toshihiko Nagamura, Conference co-Chair, Dr. Jay Kyeoung Kim, the Secretary Ceneral, and other organizing committee members for their efforts and supports. Financial supports from Dongjin Semichem Co., Ltd.; InkTec Co., Ltd.; KOLON, Dongwoo Fine-Chem Co., Ltd.; Global Core Univ. Program at Yonsei Univ., Global Leader Development Center for I-cube Materials and Parts, Gyeongsang Nat'l Univ., IT Research Center for Advanced Photovoltaic Materials, Korea Univ., National Creative Research Initiative Center for Supramolecular Optoelectronic Materials, Seoul Nat'l Univ., and the Molecular Electronics Division, the Polymer society of Korea are also deeply appreciated.

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