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The KJF (Korea–Japan Forum) International Conference on Organic Materials for Electronics and Photonics 2012 (KJF2012) was held on August 29 to September 1, 2012 at Katahira Campus, Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. Many original papers were submitted as conference proceedings, and peer review has been performed carefully. More than 70 of the accepted articles are now published in this Special Issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*.

Over 260 distinguished and young scientists and students from Korea, China, Thailand, and Japan have participated in KJF2012, which had one Honorary Plenary Lecture, one Plenary Lecture, 16 Invited Lectures, 15 Oral Presentations, and 168 Poster Presentations so as to make active, fruitful, and productive discussion for exchanging up-to-date research information. In addition, I believe this Special Issue will greatly contribute to the developments and advancement in functional organic and polymer materials for electronics and photonics. These devices such as organic transistors, photovoltaics, organic EL, nonlinear optical devices, molecular photonics, bio-sensors, bio-electronics, etc., will become very important to surely solve global environment and energy source problems at the present time, and to further realize ubiquitous society in the near future.

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