

## IMS 1998

This is the Annual Review for 1998 reporting the research activities of IMS during the past year. We are proud of a high level of the research at IMS. It is my hope that this high quality of research work will be maintained and enhanced further in the years to come.

In 1997, two new research facilities — the Laser Research Center for Molecular Science and the Research Center for Molecular Materials — have been established. The former center consists of three research groups and the latter center of four research groups, each of them being headed by an associate professor. We have hired five young associate professors as the research group leaders of these centers. They are Drs. S. Sato and T. Taira of the Laser Research Center for Molecular Science and Drs. T. Suzuki, H. Fujii and T. Nagata for the Research Center for Molecular Materials. Associate Professors N. Sarukura and Y. Yamashita have moved to the Laser Research Center and the Research Center for Molecular Materials, respectively, from the Instrument Center and Chemical Materials Center which have been closed by establishment of the new research centers. Professor E. Miyoshi, Associate Professors K. Tanaka and K. Nagato took positions in the Molecular Clusters Laboratory by transferring from their positions at Kyushu University (for E. M. and K. T.) and at Kochi National College of Technology (for K. N.). Similar transfers brought Professor Y. Nishida and Associate Professor Y. Tsuji to the Synthetic Coordination Chemistry Laboratory from the Yamagata University and Gifu University, respectively.



Finally, I would like to congratulate Emeritus Professor K. Kimura for the Purple Ribbon with Medal Honor in 1998.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitsuo Ito". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Director-General