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First of all, I wish to announce that Emeritus Professor Hiro-o Inokuchi received the Order of Cultural Merits last year for his great contribution to the establishment of the new area of science, Molecular Electronics. Since the foundation of the Institute for Molecular Science in 1975, more than a quarter of century has passed. Professor Inokuchi who joined IMS from the first stage of IMS history has devoted to the development of novel electronic properties of organic molecular solids and many new materials which have interesting electronic and magnetic properties have been synthesized under the influence of Professor Inokuchi. The Research Center for Molecular-scale Nanoscience newly established from April, 2002 at IMS is positioned to be the center of the excellence of post-nanotechnology research on the basis of the remarkable scientific achievements of Inokuchi group.



In this annual review, recent development of researches at six departments and five research facilities are reported in addition to the report on the joint study programs of IMS 2001. This is my sincere wish as a director of IMS that the reader may enjoy reading this annual review into which great efforts and ideas of IMS research staff beautifully crystallize.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaya Koji'. The signature is written in a cursive, fluid style.

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