

## IMS 2005

On May 20, 2005, we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IMS. The laboratory visit, the commemorative ceremony, and the celebration party were held successfully with the attendance of about 300 people from all over Japan. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation again. Thanks to the supports from the Government, the molecular science community, city of Okazaki, and many other organizations and people, IMS could make a big progress as COE in molecular science in the last 30 years.

It is expected that new sciences will be born in this new century based on the wholistic view of the world. Molecular science should play a fundamental role for this birth as a basic science covering from materials to life. In order to contribute to this, we have to refresh our spirits and to have our own philosophy. This is especially important in the present severe circumstances for basic sciences. We always have to pursue “truth, good and beauty,” and furthermore the consciousness of “妙”(myoh: no appropriate translation) higher than the former three. Since international collaborations are also crucial for the promotion of sciences, the new program started last year should be further promoted.

This volume of Annual Review is a comprehensive summary of research activities carried out at IMS in the period of September 2004–August 2005. As usual, a lot of activities are going on and we are proud of that. Any constructive comments and/or questions are heartily welcome. It is also a great pleasure to announce that many colleagues received various prizes as explained in the end of this volume.

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