Foreword

Editorial Message for Readers of the “ACCIS2015 Japan Special Issue”

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“Colloid and Interface science” has led to a number of new related fields such as self-assemblies, colloidal dispersions, nanofilms, nanoparticles, and wires along with their methodologies and instruments. Self-assemblies serve as an important bridge between microscopic and macroscopic chemical species in the development of new technologies. The importance of colloid and interface science has been highlighted, and the science is established as the basic foundation of nearly all of the above fields.

Thus, the Asian Society for Colloid and Surface Science (ASCASS) organized the first Asian Conference on Colloid and Interface Sciences (ACCIS) in Nagoya, Japan, 2005, which has been followed by four more conferences in Jinan, China (2007), Jeju Island, Korea (2009), Tainan, Taiwan (2011), and North Bengal, India (2013).

The 6th Asian Conference on Colloid and Interface Science (ACCIS2015 Japan) was held in Sasebo, Nagasaki, Japan from November 24 to 27, 2015. About 300 scientists and engineers from 18 countries (Korea, Taiwan, India, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, Nepal, Russia, Pakistan, Canada, Germany, UK, Spain, USA, France, Qatar, Japan) participated in the conference. Three plenary lectures by Professor Roger M. Leblanc, Professor Kazue Kurihara, and Dr. Patrick G. Hartley were full of suggestions and were very impressive. About 130 papers, including the keynote lecture and invited lectures, and 134 posters were presented, and the meeting was closed with greater success than we had expected.

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The 7th conference is now being planned by Prof. R. Hashim, its chairperson, and will be held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in 2017.

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