Special Section on Microwave and Millimeter-Wave Technology

With the recent and rapid growth of wireless applications (5G, WLAN, WPT system, millimeter-wave radars, wireless/biomedical sensors), there are increasing demands of high performance/small size/low cost microwave/millimeter-wave/sub-millimeter-wave (THz band) devices/circuits/components/sub-systems and their integration technologies for advanced wireless systems. The purpose of this Special Section is to publish and stimulate the latest researches and developments in this technical field.

In August, 2015, the IEEE International Symposium on Radio-Frequency Integration Technology (RFIT2015) was held successfully at Tohoku University Sakura Hall in Sendai, Japan, with more than 135 participants and 85 accepted papers. In this symposium, recent progress of microwave and millimeter-wave integration technologies was presented and discussed. This special section has solicited paper submissions not only from people who presented their papers in the RFIT2015, but also from all people engaging in the microwave/millimeter-wave technical field.

The editorial committee has selected 16 excellent papers (3 invited papers, 11 regular papers and 2 brief papers) for publication. The first two invited papers describe novel integration and fabrication technologies (RF semiconductor integrated circuit (RF HySIC) technology and microwave passive circuits fabricated by printing technology). The last invited paper describes the basic theory of S-parameters.

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