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## FOREWORD

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### Special Section on Recent Development of Electro-Mechanical Devices (Selected Papers from IS-EMD2009)

The purpose of this special section is to show recent developments in electro mechanical devices such as relays, connectors, and optical connectors. The Electro-Mechanical Devices (EMD) group in IEICE holds monthly research meetings. Since 2001, one of the meetings has been held every year as an international session. The 9th IS-EMD was held in October, 2009 at Nippon Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan. For this special section, 13 papers were selected mainly from among those presented at the IS-EMD. This section addresses the most pressing articles on electro-mechanical devices from the viewpoints of energy and material saving for environmental conservation.

Finally, I would like to express my great thanks to Dr. Junya Sekikawa, Guest Associate Editor, for his serious contribution to our editorial committee.

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