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### Special Section on Recent Progress in Molecular and Organic Devices

Molecular and organic electronic devices strongly owe on organic materials design, synthesis, and fabrication technologies. Recent progress was seen in the organic electronics not only for the academic understanding of molecular scale electronics, but also for the realistic electronic devices. However there are still a lot of problems to be solved for the practical device applications.

This special section covers the latest results in the field of molecular and organic devices like as displays, solar cells, information tags, memories, bio-sensors, actuators, and so on. The readers can recognize the present status of researches on new functional materials and various device applications.

On behalf of the editorial committee of this special section, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the authors of the submitted papers and all the reviewers. I also would like to thank all the following committee members for their valuable effort in this editorial works.

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