

India–Japan Seminar on New Materials

FOREWORD

The India–Japan Seminar on New Materials was held in Tokyo, on October 16 and 17, 1994, under the sponsorship of Department of Science and Technology in Indian side and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in Japanese side. This was one of the activities in the area of new materials supported by the India-Japan Cooperative Science Programme which started in August 1993.

The main aim of the Seminar was to promote the India–Japan scientific cooperation in material science and technology by deepening mutual understanding of the present research situation of the partner countries. Eleven lectures were delivered at the Seminar by distinguished scientists from India and Japan. They covered various research frontiers in the area of new materials and provided the participants with comprehensive and valuable knowledge.

I had a strong feeling on the occasion of the Seminar that a publication based on the presented lectures would be significant. It is my great pleasure that the Special Issue on New Materials including ten of them can be published. I sincerely hope that the Issue will be found to be useful by researchers in material science and technology.

I am heartily grateful to Dr P Rama Rao and Professor K J Rao for their kind effort in publishing the Special Issue and to Professor T Tsuruta and Professor H Koinuma for their kind cooperation in organizing the Seminar and collecting the articles in Japanese side.

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