Preface

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The 13th Korea–Japan Symposium on Catalysis was held during 23–25 May, 2011 in Seogwipo, Korea. This symposium was organized by the Catalysis Division of the Korean Institute of Chemical Engineers.

In this symposium, two plenary, four keynote, and three review lectures were presented. In addition, 46 oral and 174 poster presentations were made along with a separate student session comprising two plenary lectures and 34 oral presentations. The symposium was attended by 313 participants from both countries. After the review process, 25 excellent papers were accepted for publication in this special issue of *Research on Chemical Intermediates*.

Since the first symposium held in 1987 in Seoul, the Korea–Japan Symposium has not only played a positive, significant role in the development of advanced catalytic science and mutual understanding, but also contributed to a better future for both societies by encouraging young scientists to come together for discussions and exchanges.

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