Preface

Nankai University, founded in 1919 by the famous patriotic educators, Mr. ZHANG BoLing and Mr. YAN Xiu, celebrates its 90th anniversary in this year.

Nankai University, a key multidisciplinary and research-oriented university directly under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, is located in Tianjin on the border of the sea of Bohai. In accordance with its motto of “dedication to the public interests, acquisition of all-round capability and aspiration for daily progress”, the university has produced batches of prominent talents such as late Premier ZHOU EnLai, Dr. Shiing-shen Chern, Dr. Ta-you Wu, and playwright CAO Yu. Nankai University is considered to be one of the comprehensive universities with a wide scope of disciplines. It features a balance between the humanities and the sciences, a solid foundation and a combination of application and creativity. Nankai University has a full-fledged education system for undergraduates, postgraduates on master’s and doctoral programs and post-doctoral researchers. The university is the center for both education and academic research. A large number of academic achievements have been made and acknowledged at home and abroad.

The Chemistry Department in Nankai University was founded in 1921 by Prof. QIU ZongYue and the late president of the university, Prof. YANG ShiXian. It is considered to be one of the earliest chemistry institutions in China. In 1995, the College of Chemistry was founded on the bases of the Chemistry Department, Institute of Elemento-organic Chemistry, Institute of Polymer Science, National Engineering Research Center of Pesticide (Tianjin), Institute of New Energy Storage Material and Analytic Center of Nankai University. The

College of Chemistry in Nankai University has developed comprehensive programs in all areas of chemistry covering academic education and research for undergraduate and graduate students. Right now, the college has been one of the most important national bases for research and education in chemistry in China.

In order to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Nankai University, the editors of *Science in China Series B: Chemistry* agreed to publish two special issues, one in the English version and the other in the Chinese version. The English version collects 32 research papers from the researchers in Nankai University and some other institutions, and the Chinese version collects 13 papers. These papers cover the recent studies on inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, analytical chemistry, polymer science, chemical biology, etc.

Editing this special issue for *Science in China Series B: Chemistry* has been both an honor and a pleasure. We hope that the issues could provide readers with a unique opportunity to share the academic achievements and ideas of the authors. Special thanks go to all authors who contributed articles and Dr. ZHU XiaoWen, chief of the editorial office, and the editorial office of *Science in China Series B: Chemistry* for their valuable support and guidance in the preparation of this special issue.

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