Preface

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The OPU-TKU Joint Symposium has been held annually between Osaka Prefecture University (OPU) and Tamkang University (TKU) in rotation fashion for 6 years since 2013. These include the first meeting in Osaka, Japan in 2013; the second in New Taipei, Taiwan in 2014; the third in Osaka, Japan in 2015; the fourth in New Taipei, Taiwan 2016; the fifth in Osaka, Japan 2017; the sixth in New Taipei, Taiwan 2018. In order to expand the scope of this meeting and recruit more outstanding scholars, the founder of this symposium, Prof. Masakazu Anpo (the former Academic Vice-President of OPU), suggested inviting more colleges especially from Vietnam and Indonesia to participate OPU-TKU Joint Symposium. For this reason, universities such as HCMUT (HCM City University of Technology), DLU (Dalat University, Dalat City), TNU (Tay Nguyen University, Buon Ma Thuot City), ITSN (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Surabaya) were invited to be the members of this joint symposium. Hence, it's appropriate to change the title of the symposium from the OPU-TKU Joint Symposium to the 7th HCMUT-OPU-TKU-DLU-TNU-ITSN Joint Symposium on Chemistry Environment and Natural Sciences (JSCENS-7). The seventh JSCENS-7 has been held at HCM City University of Technology (HCMUT) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam during Oct. 24–25, 2019.

Because of the outstanding works presented during the symposium, the organizing committee proposed to publish a special issue on *Research on Chemical Intermediates*. This special issue is also dedicated to the founder of this symposium, Prof. Masakazu Anpo, who initiated and strengthen this symposium.

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The nine papers included in this special issue give an idea of advances of our knowledge and capabilities in this field. The topic of these papers includes the Reclamation of Beneficial Bioactivities of Herbal Antioxidant Condensed Tannin Extracted from *Euonymus laxiflorus*; Effect of Nano-bubble Water on Anaerobic Methane Production from Lignin; The Effect of SiO₂ on Phosphate and Ammonium Recovery from Fertilizer Wastewater; Effects of environmental factors and synthesis conditions on the photocatalytic activity of titanate nanotubes for removal of gaseous formaldehyde; Imidacloprid Degradation by Electro-Fenton Process Using Composite Fe₃O₄-Mn₃O₄ Nanoparticle Catalyst; Catalyst-free Synthesis of borodepsipeptides using isocyano arylboronate under aqueous condition; Secondary treated wastewater of latex processing: reusing for irrigation or treatment by membrane filtration; Impact of Sulfate Ion Addition on Electrochemical Oxidation of Anaerobically Treated Landfill Leachate Using Boron-Doped Diamond Anode; The Enhancement of Biodegradability Index of Mature Landfill Leachate by Electrochemical Oxidation Process using Boron Doped Diamond and Dimensionally Stable Anode. We would like to thank all the authors for presenting their latest research for this special issue. We also express our sincere gratitude to all the reviewers for their effort and expertise in reviewing the manuscripts.

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