



State-of-the-Art Liquid Crystals Research in Japan

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Liquid crystals (LCs) are substances that have liquid properties (fluidity) and exhibits the optical anisotropy of crystals, and exhibits properties intermediate between crystals and liquids. With a thermotropic or a lyotropic phase-transitions between crystal \rightleftharpoons LC \rightleftharpoons liquid, the molecular aggregates could be reversibly arranged and be expected by molecular dynamic simulations. The alteration of molecular aggregates is well known to significantly affect to various physical behavior, in the photophysical, optical, electrical, and chemical aspects. Therefore, there is no doubt that consolidating the results of cutting-edge liquid crystal research into a single special issue will greatly contribute to the future development of the fields of chemistry, materials, optics, and electronics.

This special issue, titled “State-of-the-Art Liquid Crystals Research in Japan” is intended to provide an innovative and broad perspective on the LC researches in Japan in the field of chemistry, physics, optics, photonics, photo-alignment techniques, material and devices, and others.





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