Preface

Japan-China and China-Japan workshops have been held seven times in the past. The workshop is the international forum for the presentation, discussion and development of collaborating projects for researches in a broad range of topics in science and technology. In 2009, The Korean Microgravity Society (KMS) was established, and the workshop was reorganized to establish the triangular collaborative relations between China, Korea and Japan for further enhancement of the activities covering those of all Asian countries.

It is our great honor to have welcomed many guests from the countries in Asia and in the world, and to publish here a special issue of selected papers from the new workshop.

The situation surrounding the present field is changing now by the drastically enhanced activity of China, the establishment of a new society in Korea and the acceleration of Japanese experiments onboard ISS. In addition, the communication networks with European and North American researchers has been rapidly developed quite recently based on the organization of international topical teams. We hope this special issue to become an origin of further enhancement of communication between Asian countries which will lead the success in the next C-J-K workshop scheduled in 2012.

We express appreciation for the great contribution by all of J-C-K 2010 committee members.

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