

PREFACE

This Activity Report presents scientific and technical results from the fruitful research of the staff and users of the NSRRC over the past year. Articles in the *Research Highlights* section reveal the research on physics and chemistry of materials, molecular science, soft matter, life science and energy science; those in the *Facility Status* section contain not only the TLS operation but also the TPS construction status. Given the limited space, we are unable to cover all of the activities at the NSRRC, but rather provide representative works here. To bring the readers enlightening and thought-provoking contents, this issue is written from an objective viewpoint and in a manner comprehensible to the general scientific community.

All in all, we hope that this issue addresses a broad picture on the scientific and technical activities of the NSRRC. On behalf of the Editorial Committee, I sincerely appreciate the contributions made by the NSRRC users and staff.

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