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Preface

JAIST has started a research program "Technology Creation Based on Knowledge Science: Theory and Practice" as one of the center of excellence programs (21st century COE programs) supported by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan. The knowledge base that supports technological creation may well be the most valuable infinite resource in our society. Thus, it is vital to begin to continuously and systematically develop the theory of technology creation, verifying the theory in scientific laboratories, and improving the theory by feedback from practice. This program will apply Knowledge Science to the fields of important natural sciences to help researchers produce creative theoretical results. With respect to education, we will train excellent graduate students to become knowledge coordinators who can manage creative research activities and knowledge creators who have advanced research and development capabilities.

JAIST has established the Center for Strategic Development of Science and Technology where scientific technology development strategies can be developed in cooperation with outside research organizations. At the same time, we are planning to develop an educational system (which we tentatively call Department of Scientific Knowledge Creation) that fully demonstrates the synergistic effect of combining the different fields. This system will continuously create scientific knowledge, offering an advanced model for setting important research priorities and promoting research and development, and thereby affecting management of research and development in other universities, research institutions, and enterprises.

This international symposium is held as one of the activities of the COE program by inviting distinguished researchers or educators in this field from all over the world. The topics include knowledge management in strategic development of science and technology, systems methodologies for managing interdisciplinary research projects, management of technology in the context of industry-university cooperation, educational programs for raising coordinators of technology development, laboratory management for raising creators of scientific technology, and information technology for supporting the above, for instance, data management system, document management system, electronic content management, integrate collaborative environment, electronic laboratory notebook, etc.

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