

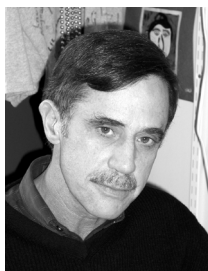


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As chairman of the Polymer Division, Chinese Chemical Society, It is my great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Polymer Society of Korea on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Since 1976, the Polymer Society of Korea has had much contribution to the establishment and development of the country's polymer science, engineering and industry. At the same time, it has also paid much attention to enhancing the international scientific cooperation, and has successfully organized many international symposia and conferences in Korea, including the IUPAC MACRO Seoul'96. Your Society became one of the most active organizations in the world polymer community. There is no doubt that the Polymer Society of Korea will make a major contribution to the development of world polymer science, engineering and industry.

The Polymer Division, Chinese Chemical Society and Polymer Society of Korea have a very close relationship since 1990s. Many scientists of both countries have visited each other. We are certain that these activities will strengthen our friendship and prompt our cooperation. We, Chinese polymer scientists, applaud your achievement and sincerely wish you great success in developing polymer science and technology in your country!

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It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Polymer Society of Korea on its 30th Anniversary. Throughout my career in the Polymer Physics Group at the IBM Almaden Research Laboratory, in the Polymer Science and Engineering Department at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and as the Director of the National Science Foundation supported Materials Research Science and Engineering Center on Polymers at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, I have had the opportunity to interact with many polymer scientists from Korea. These scientists have ranged in experience from graduate to post-doctoral fellows to visiting scientists and I have been uniformly impressed with the technical abilities of these individuals. In addition, in my role as the Director of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center, I have been able to establish collaborative programs with Centers at Seoul National University (HOMRC), POSTECH in Pohang, KAIST and Kangnung National University (GAM). These efforts have involved the exchange of students and faculty members at the Centers. At the core of each of these efforts has been research on polymers in which the Polymer Society has played an integral role. I personally laud this society for its outstanding efforts in uniting the polymer efforts in Korea and I wish you and your fellow polymer scientists the very best in proceeding forward in the ever expanding and exciting research areas of polymer science.