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Congratulation for 40th Anniversary

Congratulations to The Polymer Society of Korea on reaching this important milestone! A strong case can be made that the science of macromolecules has never been more vibrant than today, both intellectually and economically, around the world. Clearly the importance of advanced polymer materials is growing in all aspects of modern technology. At the same time, nowhere on earth has the expansion of polymer science been more impressive than in the Republic of Korea. From an initial founding with fewer than 200 members, you can now be proud of a membership of several thousand. This growth is reflected in the Korean presence in the ACS journal *Macromolecules*, which many consider the world's leading outlet for fundamental advances in all aspects of polymer science. In 1976, there were no papers published in *Macromolecules* from groups based in Korea. By contrast, in 2015 there were almost 50, which places Korea tied for fifth (with France) for number of papers published, behind only the US, China, Japan, and Germany. The importance of your society is underscored by the appointment this year of Professor M. J. Park as the first Associate Editor of *Macromolecules* in Korea. On a personal note, I have had the privilege of working with many dynamic young Korean polymer scientists, and fully one fifth of all my papers have at least one Korean co-author. So please accept my best wishes on this noteworthy achievement, and we can look forward to the next decade of exciting growth for the Polymer Society of Korea!

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