Editorial

This is the 29th volume of the Photon Factory (PF) Activity Report, and covers scientific activities for the Japanese fiscal year 2011 (April 2011 to March 2012). The report is divided into two parts. PART A summarizes scientific highlights achieved by users, newly developed experimental facilities including beamlines and experimental apparatuses, topical inhouse research activities, research and development of light sources, reports of public events, and a description of the outline and organization of the PF. PART B presents a number of users' short reports and a list of research proposals. In this year, we have started to accept users' reports in Japanese, and the number of users' reports increased. Thank you very much for the cooperation.

For the past several editions we have promoted the electronic distribution of the PF Activity Report. Awards, Theses and Publication List in Appendices of PART A and all content including PART B is published on the PF's website at http://pfwww.kek.jp/pfacr/index.html.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of those who have contributed to this volume.

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