

Editorial

This is the 30th edition of the Photon Factory (PF) Activity Report, and covers scientific activities for the Japanese fiscal year 2012 (April 2012 to March 2013). 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 in-house research activities, research and development of storage rings and an energy recovery linac based future light source, reports of public events, and an outline of the organization of the PF. PART B presents a number of users' short reports and a list of research proposals.

For the past several editions we have encouraged the electronic distribution of the PF Activity Report. Accordingly, the List of Awards, Theses and Publications in the Appendices of PART A and the entire content including PART B are 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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