

Preface

These proceedings contain the papers presented in the 21st Century COE Joint International Workshop on Bulk Nitrides, which was held in Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT), Japan, on June 2 and 3, 2003. This workshop was held as a joint workshop of 21st Century COE (Center of Excellence) programs "Future Nano-Materials" in TUAT and "Nano-Factory" in Meijo University.

It is our great honor to publish the proceedings of the 21st Century COE Joint International Workshop on Bulk Nitrides. We discussed recent progress in the fields of bulk nitrides, synthesis, epitaxial growth and characterization of GaN and AlN in the workshop. Also, it was characteristic of this workshop to discuss viewing the real samples (GaN and AlN). We hope that the workshop proceedings will encourage international cooperation in the fields.

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