

# Preface

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This issue contains the Annual Report of the Advanced Science Research Center (ASRC) activities for the fiscal year 2014, which is the final year of the five-year project cycle. This is also the summary of the project.

These five years have been a period of unprecedented upheaval for the Center mainly due to the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011. In spite of such a situation, we have maintained our research activity and continuously produced results. This is because the Center has enjoyed collaboration with colleagues and institutes in the domestic and international communities in the relevant research fields. We expect that the results presented in this issue will, in addition, provide a good start to the next medium term project of the ASRC, which has started in April 2015.

On behalf of the ASRC, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the generous support and collaborations, which will help us bring success to the next project.