

PREFACE

The Fifth China-Japan-Korea International Symposium on Ring Theory was held at National Olympic Memorial Youth Center, Tokyo, Japan during the period 10-15 September, 2007. This was the joint Symposium with the 40th Symposium on Ring Theory and Representation Theory, Japan. The present volume contains the texts of selected talks delivered at the conference. We would like to express our hearty thanks to all of the referees for their helpful suggestions and advices.

Although the place of meeting is located at the downtown of Tokyo, the circumstance is calm enough for participants to develop the active discussion and investigation. We would like to express our appreciation to all the participants who have taken time to join us in this symposium. We were quite happy to realize the symposium which devotes extremely important topics.

The past conferences were held at Guilin (China), Okayama (Japan), Kyongju (Korea) and Nanjing (China). The main aim of this conference is to foster the exchange of investigation among ring theorists in this area. The number of participants for this conference has increased a lot. It is very delightful for us that more than 120 persons from 13 countries and regions came to Tokyo to attend this symposium. We believe the presentations and discussions in these conferences contribute to create collaborative works in this field of mathematics.

In 1991, this symposium has started by the efforts of Prof. Shae Xue Liu, Prof. Hiroyuki Tachikawa and Prof. Manabu Harada. It was a great pleasure that a special session for these three professors were prepared at the symposium in Tokyo to introduce their achievements in mathematics, so that we were able to study the history of ring theory for the past half century.

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The next China-Japan-Korea International Symposium on Ring Theory will be held in Korea. For more detailed information on this Symposium, you should refer to the following homepage:

<http://fuji.cec.yamanashi.ac.jp/~ring/cjk2011/>

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