

Preface

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The primary objective of the symposium is to provide a world-class forum for exchanging original ideas and new information, introducing latest research findings and discussing scientific and engineering advances in plasticity. Previous symposia have been successfully held, every two years, in Hong Kong (1992), Beijing (1994), Hiroshima (1996), Seoul (1998), Hong Kong (2000), Sydney (2002), Shanghai (2004), Nagoya (2006), Daejeon (2008), Wuhan (2010), Singapore (2012), and Kaohsiung (2014).

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