



Dear colleagues,

During recent years, we observe the strengthening relationship between Ukraine and Japan. The year 2017 was proclaimed as the Year of Japan in Ukraine, during which about 1000 events were held.

“I hope that the level of interest of Ukraine among the Japanese will increase somewhat ... I hope that such efforts will continue to strengthen the relationship between the two countries even after Japan's year in Ukraine,” the First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan Daisuke Minamino emphasized.

Scientific collaboration between our two countries is also increasing. Our Institute had earlier several projects with Shizuoka University, and currently the project “Organic/inorganic hybrid crystals for NIR to visible up-conversion” with

Yamagata University is carrying out. Within this project, the Institute hosted two joint Ukrainian-Japanese workshops.

It is a great pleasure for me to inform that the current issue of the journal serves as a platform for publication of four selected talks given at these workshops.

We invite all of you for cooperation and collaboration both as readers and authors, as well as reviewers.

Sincerely yours,
Alexander Belyaev.