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## **Preface**

This monograph is the third volume of *CARLS Series on Advance Study of Logic and Sensibility*. The purpose of CARLS (Centre for Advanced Research on Logic and Sensibility) is to understand logic and sensibility multilaterally, from biological base to cultural background, and to build a premier education and research center where young researchers are trained to understand and increase their knowledge of diverse disciplines in both the humanities and experimental sciences. It had become increasingly clear that graduate students and young researchers are trained most effectively through participation in research involving multiple disciplines. We expect to grow young scientists who have knowledge and skills in several different research fields. Readers of this monograph can see examples of such new scientists in this volume.

In the first two years of our global COE program, we had concentrated on building hardware and software for education and research. In fact, we completed this start-up stage faster than anticipated. Now in our third year, we are actively engaged in research. This monograph contains more articles than the previous series, with a high level of quality maintained throughout. The readers of this series can observe our progress both quantitatively and qualitatively.

We are also expanding international collaboration. We had more collaboration bases in Europe than Asia or North America. This year we have made a collaboration contract with McGill University in Canada. Since we made a similar contract with University of South Florida in 2008, we now have two collaboration bases in North America.

As 2009 is the midpoint of our global COE program, we have received interim evaluation. Although the reviewers appreciate the progress of our CARLS, we still have to advance the final and most challenging goal of our program: the integration of research from different disciplines. We may have some financial struggles in the future, but I believe Keio University and our CARLS can overcome this problem.

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