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Preface

It is my great pleasure to publish this new monograph. The monograph is the fourth volume of *CARLS Series on Advanced 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 centre 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 fourth year, we are actively engaged in research. In this year, we have 25 researchers in addition to faculty members. This monograph contains 44 articles by these members of our centre, 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. Since we made a similar contract with McGill University in Canada 2009, we now have seven collaboration bases in the world. In accordance with the collaboration, we had Keio-USF (University of South Florida) joint seminar in January 2011 and Keio-Gachon joint seminar in February 2011. We also had lecture course of neuroeconomics with Tamagawa University and California Institute of Technology in September 2010. I feel such collaboration promotes researches of young scientists much.

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.

25th January, 2011
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