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1. Preface

This short English edition is a translation of key points raised in the latest (April 2003) DPRI Self-Evaluation Report (DPRI SE Report) for which updated information was added in October 2003. This report is the third, and most recent, in a Japanese series on our research activities, facilities and organizational systems. The first was published in October 1998; the second in March 2001. From the outset, DPRI's Self-Evaluation Committee (SEC) has been responsible for publication.

This English edition has multiple aims. Firstly, it intends to provide the 2003 international External Evaluators with basic information on our research endeavors and conditions. Secondly, it will enable foreign visitors and guests at DPRI, Kyoto University, to conveniently access our achievements and activities. Finally, we anticipate that the digital version of this report will provide increased exposure to DPRI (Kyoto University, Uji Campus) and inform the international academic community about our ongoing activities.

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