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### Special Section on Recent Progress in Electromagnetic Theory and Its Application

The purpose of this special section is to present a collection of original papers that give an overview of recent progress of research and development in electromagnetic theory and its applications, including those related papers presented at the 2016 Symposium on Electromagnetic Theory, held in Wakayama, Japan on November 17–19, 2016. Presentations in the International Symposia and Meetings held during 2016, which include AP-S/URSI2016, PIERS2016, ICEAA2016 and ISAP2016, were also considered to be the parts of this special section. In response to the call-for-papers, we received some potential paper manuscripts. After careful review, 4 papers and 5 brief papers, were accepted in this special section.

The topics of accepted papers include various topics such as electromagnetic scattering theory, a new approach in scattering analysis and inverse problem and their applications. We hope that the readers find this special section useful in the research of the electromagnetic theory and its applications. We would like to express our sincere appreciations to all the authors of contributed papers for their efforts in preparing the manuscripts and to all the reviewers for their adequate judgments and valuable comments.

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