## Isoindigo-based Polymers for High Performance Polymer Solar Cells

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## **Abstract**

Isoindigo is a dye molecule with two lactam rings pertaining strong electron-withdrawing characteristic and planar  $\pi$ -conjugated structure, which provides broad optical absorption, high extinction coefficient, and deep HOMO energy level. Therefore, isoindigo is a promising building block for constructing low bandgap conjugated polymers to achieve high performance polymer solar cells (PSCs).

We synthesized random conjugated copolymers consisting of DPP and isoindigo as coelectron donor units in donor–acceptor type conjugated copolymer for panchromatic absorption. The copolymer containing equal amount of DPP and isoindigo in the copolymer absorbs wide range of solar spectrum from 600 to 900 nm with low HOMO level. Under the optimized condition, the copolymer-based PSC exhibits a promising PCE of 6.04%, which are superior to the values of the two corresponding homopolymers. We also synthesized highly π-extended conjugated low bandgap polymer composed of isoindigo (iI) and thienylvinylene (TVT) and compared the photovoltaic properties of PiITVT with those of PiI2T, in order to examine the effect of vinylene linkage on the photovoltaic properties of isoindigo-based polymers. The solar cell device fabricated from PiITVT:PC<sub>61</sub>BM blend exhibited a PCE of 7.09%, which is much higher than the best PCE of PiI2T:PC<sub>71</sub>BM blend.

**Keywords:** polymer solar cells, isoindigo, random conjugated copolymer.







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Professor Dr.Won Ho Jo Seoul National University, South Korea

Subject: Speaker invitation for MACRO 2014

Dear Professor Dr. Won Ho Jo,

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the Chemical Society of Thailand (CST) under the patronage of Professor Dr. HRH Princess Chulabhorn, the Polymer Society (Thailand), and Faculty of Science, Chiangmai University will host the 2014 IUPAC World Polymer Congress or MACRO 2014 during 6 – 11 July 2014, Chiang Mai province, Thailand. The MACRO2014 will provide the unprecedented opportunity for participants to learn the most recent advancement of polymer science and technology, as well as the occasion to bring together the participants from across region and around the world for discussion, collaboration, and networking. We expect that more than 1500 participants from all over the world would attend this conference.

On the behalf of scientific committee, we would like to invite you to be our **Invited Speaker** for the session "Polymers for Emerging Technology: Energy, Information Technology, Optics, Electronics, and Opto-electronics" which is co-organized by Professor Dr.Elsa Reichmanis this coming conference. We would like to request for your tentative title and abstract, CV and your photo which will be uploaded to our website. Your lecture details will be submitted to you soon. We trust that your experience shared during the conference will be very fruitful for our participants and this would be a great honor for us all. We are now looking forward to hearing from you soonest.

As a part of the organizing committee, we would like to offer:

- 1. Conference registration fee waive
- 2. Complementary excursion

Yours sincerely,

Supawan Tantayanon

Chairperson of MACRO 2014

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @Room B7

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