RIMS International Project Research — Minimal Models and Extremal Rays —

The conference "Minimal Models and Extremal Rays" was held at RIMS Kyoto University during June 20–24 as one of two RIMS International Project Researches in 2011, when Professor Shigefumi Mori turned sixty (*kanreki* in Japanese). The pre-conference "Summer School on Algebraic Geometry" was also held at the same place one week before, during June 13–17.

In the conference, there were 156 participants including 37 from overseas, and we have twenty one-hour lectures by invited speakers. In the pre-conference, there were 89 participants including 28 from overseas, and we have four series lectures and eight 45 minutes lectures by invited speakers. The present volume consists of fourteen articles, ten of which are contributed by invited speakers of the conference. We thank all the speakers and participants for their invaluable contributions, which made the (pre-)conference most successful.

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