Supramolecular Fullerene Polymers Formed by Host-Guest Complexation between Calix[5]arene and C<sub>60</sub> Takeharu Haino

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Figure 1. Supramolecular polymer formed by host-guest interaction between a calix[5]arene and [60]fullerene. Covalently-linked double-calix [5] arenes take up  $C_{60}$ into their cavities.<sup>1)</sup> This complementary interaction creates a strong non-covalent bonding; thus, the iterative self-assembly between dumbbell fullerene 1 and ditopic host 2 can produce the supramolecular polymer networks.<sup>2)</sup> Fluorescence spectrum of 2 showed intense band at 466 nm, which was quenched by the addition of 1. Job plot confirmed a 1:1 stoichiometric ratio of 1 and 2 in the supramolecular association. Diffusion coefficients of a mixture of 1 and 2 were concentration dependent. As increased the concentration, the diffusion coefficients decreased, suggesting that supramolecular polymeric aggregates were formed in solution. The supramolecular polymers of 1 and 2 was also characterized by SEM and AFM measurements.

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