Welcome to the Second Asia-Pacific Conference on Quality Software.
Software has become ubiquitous and indispensable in our daily life. It has drastically changed our world and our lives. As we are increasingly reliant on the proper functioning of software, even an inconspicuous defect in software can cost many people great financial loss, or perhaps their lives. We need software that is not only functionally rich, but also of good quality.

The primary objective of APAQS is to provide a forum for the researchers, practitioners and educators to seriously address the issue of the quality of software. We anticipate the delegates will share experiences, exchange ideas, make new friends and perhaps initiate new collaborations.

As the Executive Director of the Vocational Training Council, which is a major IT education provider in Hong Kong, I am most delighted to see this conference being held in Hong Kong, and so well attended by people from over 20 countries and regions. Our curriculum shares the same goal of the conference in the promotion of software quality. We believe that practitioners should learn how to develop quality software right at the beginning when they receive their training, and then practise professionally in their jobs.

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Special thanks are due to our distinguished keynote speakers, Prof. Ramamoorthy and Dr. Ray Paul, whose speeches would definitely inspire and benefit us all. Of course, we will not forget the contribution of all those who have submitted papers and those who are now participating in the conference.

Thank you once again for your kind support. I wish the Conference every success.

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General Chair