Message from the General Co-Chairs

Welcome to the Fifth Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC ‘98). It is a great honor for us to serve as the general co-chairs for this international software engineering conference with emphasis on the specific needs and issues in the Asia-Pacific region. In the past, the APSEC conferences have been held in various cities in Decembers, with contributors coming from all parts of the world. The First APSEC was held in Tokyo, Japan in 1994, the Second in Brisbane, Australia in 1995, the Third in Seoul, South Korea in 1996, and the Fourth in Hong Kong in 1997. This year, it will be held between 2nd to 4th of December in Taipei, Taiwan.

Developing software faster, better and cheaper has continuously been a challenge to the software industry as well as to the research organizations. APSEC is recognized as the major annual conference for the researchers and practitioners in the fields of software engineering in this region and beyond for presenting and exchanging their new research findings and experiences to promote new technology in the field. As software plays an increasingly important role in the rapid growing economies of the Asia-Pacific region, such a forum and focal point for researchers and practitioners in the fields of software engineering becomes more and more important. We believe APSEC ‘98 will bring the most valuable information to all attendants just as it has always been in the previous years.

The APSEC ‘98 is sponsored by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the IEEE Taipei Section. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to express our gratitude to their support to this Conference.

We would like to thank all those who submitted papers to this Conference, and to all members of the Program Committee who have devoted their valuable time to review the papers. We would also like to express our deepest appreciation to all members of the Organizing Committee for their time, dedication and effort in making this Conference happen. Furthermore, we are grateful to the members of the APSEC Steering Committee for their great support to this Conference.

Finally, we would like again to welcome all participants coming to this Conference in Taipei. We wish you will have a fruitful meeting and a pleasant stay in Taipei, and we wish the Conference a great success and excellent health to all.

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