Message from the Program Co-Chairs

The vision of APSEC '98 is to provide a forum for software practitioners and researchers to present their results and to exchange ideas and experiences. The program for APSEC '98 is expected to be a truly exciting software engineering conference. It consists of three keynote addresses, 5 panel sessions, 2 tutorials, a poster session and 44 technical presentations. The program committee received 93 paper submissions: 11 from Australia, 12 from Europe and North America, and 70 from Asia. After a rigorous review process, 44 regular papers covering important software engineering issues were nominated for inclusion in the program of APSEC '98. We regret that many excellent papers could not be included in the program due to time and space limitations. Here, we are grateful to all authors who submitted their novel work for the Conference. We are greatly indebted to the members of the Program Committee and other reviewers for their extraordinary efforts in reviewing the papers along with invaluable advice in putting this Conference together.

We are very fortunate to have attracted three renowned speakers. They all are recognized leaders in the field of software engineering from industry and academia: Raymond T. Yeh, President of Fun Soft; Tetsuo Tamai, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences University of Tokyo and F.C. Kohli, Vice Chairman of Tata Consultancy Services. The three keynote speeches form an exciting part of the program for the impact and the focus they provide. We are greatly indebted to them for accepting our invitation to address this conference and believe the audience will be inspired by their rich experiences and insight in the current issues of software engineering and future trends of software technology. In addition to the keynote speeches, we have five excellent panels that cover five important issues facing by most software practitioners in the Asia Pacific region. The two tutorials offer cutting-edge exposure and insight into the software technology that are of significance and interest to both the software industry and the research community. To encourage discussion, the program consists of a two-and-half day poster session through which software practitioners may freely exchange their ideas and share their experiences. The 45 technical presentations are divided into 13 sessions and organized in three parallel tracks. This excellent program was made possible through the collaborative effort of all the Steering/Organizing/Program Committees. We are honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with IEEE Computer Society Technical Council on Software Engineering (TCSE) for discussing the software engineering education issues and syllabus design.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we cordially welcome you to APSEC '98 and hope that you enjoy the conference.

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