Conference Chair’s Message

On behalf of the 16th Asia-Pacific Software Engineering (APSEC 2009) Local Organizing Committee members, I would like to extend a warm welcome to both local and international delegates to this conference and to the island of Penang, Malaysia. It is indeed an honour for us to host and organize APSEC 2009 for the first time in Malaysia as well as the First Software Engineering Postgraduate Workshop (SEPoW 2009).

This conference will serve as a platform for academicians, researchers and practitioners in Software Engineering to discuss, amongst others, the ways in which we can realize theoretical research findings into practice and enhance the role of the industry in strengthening research activities and development. The theme “Synergizing Research and Practice towards Quality Software” attempts to improve the relationship and reduce the gap between the stakeholders. The workshops, tutorials, paper presentations, and industry-academia-research discussions in this conference would serve as a catalyst for further collaborations and knowledge sharing among delegates.

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We hope all delegates will find this conference rewarding and discover what Penang has to offer. Do visit George Town, the state capital that was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in July 2008 and be fascinated by its old world charm and beauty.

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