Greetings from
the General Co-Chair

It is my great pleasure and honor, as general co-chair of the conference, to welcome you to the 2003 International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA 2003).

The AINA 2003 conference is held in Xi’an, called Chang’an in ancient time. Xi’an is the biggest city in northwestern China and it is the capital of Shannxi province. It served as the capital of 13 dynasties since B.C. 1134. It is also best known as the starting place of the famous “Silk Road.” Xi’an is renowned as the “natural museum of history” because of its historical relics and attractions. Among them are terra cotta army of the first Qin Dynasty Emperor (B.C. 259 to B.C. 210), which is known as “the eighth wonder of the world” and called “Hei-Ba-Yo” in Japanese, the best preserved and biggest ancient city wall in the world, and the thousand-year-old Great Wild Goose Pagoda shown on the back cover of the AINA Proceedings.

The world nowadays has been gradually covered by communication networks and distributed computing systems. By means of advanced communication networks, either wired or wireless, people—no matter where and when—can exchange information conveniently and comfortably with audio, data, graph, image, and video. To promote the development of information networking, the theme of AINA 2003 focuses on advanced information networking and its applications. We will discuss new ideas and technologies at the conference. I feel highly honored to have so many distinguished scholars and experts attend the conference. I am sure that the conference will provide a platform for all of us to exchange ideas and share technologies conveniently.

I would like to express my deep thanks to the persons and organizations that helped to make the AINA 2003 conference possible, specifically the Program Committee for their extraordinary work; the reviewers for their careful reviews; three invited keynote speakers—Professor Weidong Kou from Hong Kong University and Xidian University, Professor Ming T. Liu from The Ohio State University, USA, and Professor Shoichi Noguchi from Sendai Foundation for Applied Information Sciences, Japan—for their contributions; and all the sponsors and cooperating organizations for their unreserved support. I also would like to express my sincere appreciation to those who volunteered to make AINA 2003 a rewarding and stimulating experience. Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all the contributors and participants. Thank you for your participation. Have an enjoyable stay in Xi’an.

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