Message from IEEE AINA-2012 Steering Committee Co-Chairs

Welcome to the 26th International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA-2012). It is our great pleasure and honor to held AINA-2012 at Fukuoka Institute of Technology (FIT), Fukuoka, Japan from March 26 to March 29, 2012. On behalf of the AINA Steering Committee and AINA-2012 Organizing Committee, we would like to express to all participants our cordial welcome and high respect.

AINA is an International Forum, where scientists and researchers from academia and industry working in various scientific and technical areas of networking and distributed computing systems can demonstrate new ideas and solutions in distributed computing systems.

AINA was born in Asia 26 years ago and is now an international conference with high quality thanks to the great help and cooperation of many international friendly volunteers. AINA is an open society and is always welcoming international volunteers from any country and any area in the world.

In 2003, AINA-2003 was held very successfully in X'ian, China, with its present name. Before 2003, the conference name was ICOIN (International Conference on Information Networking). In 2003, we decided to change the name of the conference to AINA and also change the conference policy in order to make the conference more international. In addition, AINA is now an International Conference sponsored by IEEE Computer Society TCDP. From 2003, AINA editions are held in Fukuoka, Japan, 2004; Taipei, Taiwan, 2005; Vienna, Austria, 2006; Niagara Falls, Canada, 2007; Okinawa, Japan, 2008; Bradford, UK, 2009; Perth, Australia, 2010, and Singapore, 2011.

This year AINA-2012 will be held again at Fukuoka, Japan. Originally, we planned to held AINA-2012 in Tokyo but decided to move to Fukuoka after the big earthquakes and Tsunami of March 11, 2011.

In conjunction with the AINA conference, we have also 17 International Workshops. In addition, AINA usually publish special issues in International Journals. Every author who attends AINA and presents the paper in the main conference and workshops can submit a revised version of the paper to one of the special issues.

An international conference can be organized by support and great voluntary efforts of many people and organizations and our main responsibility is to coordinate various tasks carried out with other willing and talented volunteers.

We would like to thank IEEE AINA-2012 General Co-Chairs Prof. Takuo Nakashima, Tokai University, Japan, Prof. Hui-Huang Hsu, Tamkang University, Taiwan, and Dr. Wenny Rahayu, La Trobe University, Australia, for very successful organization of AINA-2012.

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We have special thanks to Dr. Makoto Ikeda, Fukuoka Institute of Technology, Japan and Dr. Ailixier Aikebaier, Seikei University, Japan for excellent local arrangement and Web administration.

We would like to take opportunity to thank all members of the organization committee and program committee as well as all the reviewers for their hard work to make the reviews on time and authors for submitting the papers.

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Finally, we would like to thank the Local Arrangement and the Administration Staff of Fukuoka Institute of Technology for their support and for making excellent local arrangement for the conference.

We do hope that you will have a great time in Fukuoka.

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