The 1995 Asia Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC '95) is the second in the APSEC series, the first being held in Tokyo in 1994. APSEC has an international Steering Committee and Program Committee and has the primary objective of bringing together leading researchers, developers and practitioners from the Asian-Pacific region and beyond.

APSEC grew out of the joint activities of two SIGSE's; namely, the Special Interest Group on Software Engineering of the Information Processing Society of Japan (IPSJ/SIGSE) and the Special Interest Group on Software Engineering of the Korea Information and Science Society (KISS/SIGSE). The two groups organized the Joint Conference on Software Engineering (JCSE), the first being held in Seoul, Korea, in March 1992, and the second in Fukuoka, Japan, in November 1993. The first JCSE attracted more people than expected, and the second exceeded everyone's expectations: there were more attendees and the number of submitted papers doubled. After the phenomenal success of the joint conferences, it was decided that the time had come to terminate the JCSE and initiate the Asia Pacific Software Engineering Conference series to be known as APSEC.

The APSEC Steering Committee has representation from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan, and the APSEC series will be held annually in turn in each of these countries/regions. It is hoped that APSEC will grow to be a traditional arena for software engineering researchers, developers and practitioners from all corners of the world. As will be seen from the APSEC'95 program, a number of papers are from beyond the Asia-Pacific region. This is a welcome change as it also establishes APSEC as an international conference.

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