Message from the Program Co-Chairs

APSEC'97/ICSC'97 is designed to provide a forum for software practitioners and researchers to present their results and exchange ideas and experience. The program for APSEC'97/ICSC'97 is expected to be a truly exciting software engineering conference. It consists of three keynote addresses, 3 panel sessions, 4 tutorials, a poster session and 51 technical presentations. The program committee received 107 paper submissions: 12 from Australia, 38 from Europe and North America, and 57 from Asia. After a rigorous review process, 51 regular papers and 13 concise papers covering important software engineering issues were selected for inclusion in the program of APSEC'97/ICSC'97. We regret that many excellent papers could not be included in the program due to the lack of time and space. Here, we wish to express our sincere thanks to all authors who submitted their novel work for consideration. We are greatly indebted to the members of the Program Committee and other reviewers for their extraordinary efforts in reviewing the papers and invaluable advice in putting this conference together.

We are very fortunate to attract three renowned software engineers Les Belady from Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Bruce Shriver from Genesis 2, and Xiling Zhou from Beijing Information Technology Institute to give us keynote speeches. The three keynote speeches form an exciting part of the program because of their impact and the focus they provide. In addition to the keynote speeches, we have three excellent panels that cover three important issues facing most software practitioners in the Asia Pacific region. The four tutorials selected offer leading-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 three days poster session so that software practitioners may freely exchange ideas and share experience. The 53 technical presentations are divided into 15 sessions and organized in three parallel tracks.

This excellent program was made possible through the collaborative effort of all the Steering/Organizing/Program Committee. Special appreciation is due to Mr Tsz-Chiu Au and Miss Man-Yee Chan who assisted us to prepare the program.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we cordially welcome you to APSEC'97/ICSC'97 and hope that you enjoy the conference.

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