Message from the General Co-Chairs

Welcome to the APSEC’99. The first APSEC was held in Tokyo, Japan in 1994, and in the following years APSEC took the itinerary through Brisbane, Australia, Seoul, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taipei, Taiwan. Now, it comes back to Japan again. The location this time is Takamatsu, a historical city in Shikoku Island. We hope you enjoy the beautiful scenery and mild weather of the city facing the Inland Sea of Seto.

The program committee co-chairs, Mikio Aoyama and Danny Poo, did a really outstanding job of making a very strong program. There are many others, although we cannot name all of them here, who greatly contributed to various works for organizing the conference, including local arrangements, registration, finance, tutorials and workshops. Many thanks to all whom submitted papers and all the members of the Program Committee, the Organizing Committee and the APSEC Steering Committee.

December 1999 is the last month to foresee and prepare for the year 2000 problem. We will soon see the outcome of accumulated activities in the field of software engineering. However, the Y2K problem is by no means our sole problem, and of course, software engineering does not stop there. So, let us fully appreciate the state of the art of software engineering during the four day period of APSEC99 and prospect the path towards APSEC 2000 to be held in Singapore.

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