Message from the Conference Chair

Welcome to APSEC 2000, the seventh Asia Pacific Software Engineering Conference. APSEC was born in 1994 with its first conference at Waseda University in Japan. Since its birth, APSEC has traveled to a number of countries including Australia, South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan. This year it has landed in Singapore. It is indeed an honor for Singapore to host this very important event in the Asia Pacific region and the first of its kind in the new millennium.

I have been on the Steering Committee for APSEC since its humble beginning and have seen it grow from strength to strength. With the cooperation and interest of the academia, researchers, practitioners, and professionals in the international community, APSEC has since established itself as a premier Software Engineering Conference in this region.

The program committee co-chaired by Dong Jing Song, Martin Purvis and He Jifeng has done an excellent job in ensuring the prompt delivery of the papers and program for this conference. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and their committee members for the outstanding work done. As APSEC 2000 Conference Organizing Chair, I would also like to thank my colleagues and friends who have served so well in organizing this conference: Irene Woon and Tan-Hee Beng Kuan (Publicity), Chionh Eng Wee(Local Arrangement), John McCallum(Tutorial and Workshop), Bernard Tan and Tan Kian Lee(Finance), Chan Hock Chuan(Panel), Ng Chen Hong, Theresa Koh and Toh Siew Kiok(Secretariat).

Y2K is now behind us and as we look back on the progress that has been achieved over the last 2 decades in Software Engineering we can easily conclude that the field of Software Engineering has indeed made progress but it is by no means mature. There is a lot of work to be done; it involves not just the development of technologies but also the adoption of theories and principles in Software Engineering by everyone who participates in the software development process. I believe this four-day APSEC 2000 conference is able to provide us with some solutions that would raise our confidence in dealing with the problems. As we look forward to the year 2001, let us make a date to attend APSEC 2001 to be held in Macau.

Enjoy APSEC 2000.

Danny Poo
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