Message from the Conference Chairs

Welcome to APSEC 2001, the eighth Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference. The first one was held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1994, and then consecutively APSEC has travelled through Brisbane, Seoul, Hong Kong, Taipei, Takamatsu, and Singapore. Today it reaches Macao.

Macau is the tiniest city among the other hosts of APSEC. However, by collecting support from local institutions and also from institutions in the mainland of China, Macau aims to host a remarkable APSEC. The organisers of APSEC 2001 are University of Macau, Office for the Development of Telecommunications and Information Technology, and United Nations University International Institute for Software Technology. APSEC 2001 is also sponsored by National Natural Science Foundation of China, Macau Foundation, Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau of Macau SAR Government, Companhia de Telecomunicações de Macau S.A.R.L. and Macau SAR Government Tourist Office, and co-organised by Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center, Zhuhai Science and Technology Commission and Macau Computer Association. Here we express to them our sincere appreciation for their support. We would like to take this chance to thank the Steering Committee and the Program Committee, in particular the PC Co-Chairs, Profs. He Jifeng, Li Yiping, and G. Lowe. With their great efforts, APSEC 2001 secures a high standard program. Our thanks also go to our colleagues who have helped us organise this conference.

There has been a continuous development of software engineering in order to meet the rapid growth of software needs. APSEC has become a globally recognised forum for software people to meet and exchange new ideas and achievements in the area of software engineering. However, the "software crisis" is still with us: large software projects are almost always late, over-budget, and even abandoned altogether. Those that are completed usually contain many bugs and are difficult to maintain. People are seeking resolution, but our engineering practice and its theory are still inadequate. Development of software engineering cannot stop, and APSEC will not stop. A Chinese proverb says: "Age of eight omens the fate of the person." Success of the eighth APSEC anticipates greater success of the ninth APSEC in Melbourne in 2002, and the following APSECs anywhere, anytime.

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