Message from the General Chairs

Welcome to APSEC 2008, to Beijing, the capital of China! As the general chair, it is a pleasure and privilege to welcome you to Beijing for the 15th Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference. Beijing is an ancient city with a recorded history of over 3,000 years and has been the political and cultural center of China for many centuries. Beijing is also a young city with a passion for innovation and modernization. APSEC 2008 is being held in Zhong Guan Cun, the heart of the IT industry of China.

The theme of this year’s APSEC is “Software for Dependable Systems”. Software is increasingly used in safety-critical systems such as health care, transportation and broad infrastructure, upon which our life depends. Producing dependable software in a cost-effective way has been a primary endeavor of software engineering. This year’s theme highlights the importance of this issue and the efforts towards this end by the software engineering research community in the Asia-Pacific region.

The conference is a result of many people’s devoted work. I would like to thank the keynote speakers and authors for their contributions, to the program committee, led by Wenhui Zhang and Shamsul Sahibuddin, and the workshop organizers for producing an excellent technical program. The local organizers and volunteers deserve special thanks for their efforts making the conference a reality. I would also like to thank the steering committee, especially its chair Doo-Hwan Bae, for their advices and supports during the preparation of APSEC 2008.

Hope you will enjoy both the technical contents of the conference and the beauty of Beijing.

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