Message from the Program Chair

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It was four years ago that I submitted our oral application for sponsoring the Eighth Asian Test Symposium (ATS’ 99) to be held in Shanghai, China in the end of the last year of this century. Therefore, it would be historically significant to all the attendees of this symposium. After this unforgettable event, human beings will enter their new century and new age of the development of computer science and technology. On behalf of our 43-member Program Committee, I would like to show our sincere welcome to every attendee to the symposium as I announced a year ago in Singapore.

The Symposium received 89 papers submitted from 14 different countries and regions in response to the Call for Papers, which should be a big event in the history of Asian Test Symposium. Each submitted paper received between three and four reviews. Every review was strictly examined by the Program Committee, and the comments and suggestions were sent back to all the related authors of submitted papers. Upon acceptance of papers, it was almost totally based on an averaged rating. In addition to providing detailed comments, all the referees were asked to assign an overview rating between 0 and 4 based on some distinct regulations. After being carefully examined, a total of 60 regular and 4 short papers are accepted in the program. 16 sessions including 3 special sessions were organized in the program.

I am so pleased to have such a successful achievement of organizing such an international academic symposium. However, it could hardly have such a satisfying result without the hard working and efforts of the members of my program committee and organizing committee, reviewers, authors, and supports from different countries and regions. On the occasion of this publication, I would like to congratulate all authors whose papers include in the proceedings and thank them for their diligent work and convincible job. Also, I would like to address the authors whose papers were not accepted.

Since the only criteria in selecting papers are the rating and comments from the referees, it could be hard for us to avoid any error in making selection of papers. Anyway, I would like to show my sincere appreciation for your kindly support of our Symposium. I am grateful to our sponsor, the IEEE Computer Society Test Technology Technical Committee (TTTC), and to Professor Kozo Kinoshita and Dr. Y.Zorian for their steady support and help in preparing this program. I want to thank Professor Fang Minlun, Standing Vice President of Shanghai University for his support. Also many thanks to the Fault Tolerant Computing Technical Committee under Computer Federation of China and National Natural Science Foundation of China. My special thanks to Dr. Ben M.Y. Hsiao and Y.K. Malaiya, General Co-Chair of ATS’ 99 for their advice and support.