Message from the 10th Anniversary Committee Chair

Asian Test Committee started in 1991 in order to encourage technical activities of test technology in Asian areas under the Test Technology Technical Committee at that time, and the first Asian Test Symposium started in 1992 at Hiroshima Grand Hotel, Hiroshima in November 1992. Following the first ATS, a series of ATS has been annually held in the following Asian countries and regions: ATS’92 held in Hiroshima, Japan chaired by Kozo Kinoshita (general) and Hideo Fujiwara (program); ATS’93 held in Beijing, China chaired by Ben Hsiao (general), Yinghua Min (program); ATS’94 held in Nara, Japan chaired by Hideo Fujiwara (general), Yuzo Takamatsu (program); ATS’95 held in Bangalore, India chaired by Sunil D. Sherlekar (general), Vishwani D. Agrawal (program); ATS’96 held in Hsinchu, Taiwan chaired by Chung Len Lee (general), Cheng-Wen Wu (program); ATS’97 held in Akita, Japan, chaired by Yuzo Takamatsu (general), Teruhiko Yamada (program); ATS’98 held in Singapore chaired by Lee-Yee Lau & Yinghua Min (general), Serge Demidenko & Kiyoshi Furuya (program), ATS’99 held in Shanghai, China chaired by Ben Hsiao & Yashwant Malaiya (general), Shiyi Xu (program); ATS’00 held in Taipei, Taiwan chaired by Cheng-Wen Wu (general), Kuen-Jong Lee & Chau-Chin Su (program), and ATS’01 is going to be held in Kyoto, Japan chaired by Kiyoshi Furuya (general) and Hiromi Hiraishi & Kazumi Hatayama (program).

Though ATS has been held in Asian countries and regions, it is an international test symposium in terms of paper submission and the distribution of attendees. I would like to express my appreciation to all committee members who have brought the Asian Test Symposia into successful and prosperous conferences.

Commemorating ten years of Asian Test Symposium, we have established the Tenth Anniversary Committee of ATS and planned several memorial events. One main event is the establishment of Teruhiko Yamada Memorial Awards and another one is to publish the Compendium Proceedings of ATS. Considering late Prof. Teruhiko Yamada’s dedicated and continuous contributions to the Asian Test Symposia since 1992, we have established a fund under his name from individuals related to him, who was scheduled to be the General Chair of ATS 2001, but unfortunately passed away in September 1999. Teruhiko Yamada Memorial Awards are presented to the student submissions of high quality papers as a Student Award and to those who have made significant contributions to Asian Test Symposia for ten years as a Contribution Award.
The Tenth Anniversary Committee has decided that the Student Award is presented to five students for their high quality papers: Achintya Halder, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA; Yu Huang, University of Iowa, USA; Zhigang Yin, Chinese Academy of Science, China; Md. Altaf-Ul-Amin, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan, and Teppei Takeda, University of Tokushima, Japan, and the Contribution Award is presented to Jacob Savir, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA, Michel Renovell, LIRMM, France, Sudhakar M. Reddy, University of Iowa, USA, and Ad. J. van de Goor, Delft University, the Netherlands.

Compendium Proceedings of ATS is edited by Professor Hideo Fujiwara selecting suitable papers among the published papers from the first to this year ATS Proceedings and is published by the sponsors of NEC, Hitachi and Fujitsu under the IEEE Computer Society Press. The selection policy and procedure can be found in the Compendium Proceedings.

We are planning more additional memorial events at the symposium site. I hope the tenth Asian Test Symposium will become a valuable and enjoyable symposium for all attendees.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to TTTC Chairs, Ned Komfield, Dan Graham, Fred Liguori, Yervant Zorian and Paolo Prinetto for their strong support and continuous encouragement to the establishment and development of Asian Test Symposia.

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