E-business is one of the most prominent fields of application of Internet. The life in this century is totally different from what our ancestors came along. The world is smaller than ever, transactions are getting cheaper and cheaper. However, old traditions have not yet wholly been replaced with new technologies. Furthermore, new technologies bring about new problems, which cannot be solved by the old wisdom.

We designed this workshop as a forum where these problems are shared and understood to such an extent that technological solutions are invited to be developed. The issues include such topics as: “emergence and valorization of the innovation,” “patent (law process and evaluation),” “development of innovation (spin off, incubator, corporate venture capital...),” “public research and firms (transfer, collaborative project),” “applications of P2P technology,” “new conceptual framework for SCM,” “proposal for revising regulations.”

This workshop brings researchers and practitioners of E-business together and aims to share worldwide cutting edge issues and open discussions on related areas. The papers presented at the workshop include both new research results and discussions over legal and procedural matters around the world.

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We welcome participants to this workshop. We believe that this workshop will be filled with stimulating presentations and discussions that make you discover a new horizon of applications of Internet.

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