Welcome to SPLC2007 and welcome to Kyoto! Since the International Software Product Line Conference, originated in USA, and the International Workshop on Software Product-Family Engineering, originated in Europe, were merged into the International Software Product Line Conference (SPLC), it finally came to the beautiful historic city of Kyoto, Japan, first time ever in Asia. Over the years, the conference has served as the premier software product line forum for sharing research achievements and practical experiences, and has contributed tremendously to the advancement of product line technology.

The current trend of globalization is pressuring industries to explore ways to meet diverse needs of the global market most effectively and efficiently. Over the last decade or so, software product line has emerged as one of the most promising software development paradigms in drastically increasing the productivity of IT-related industries, and the product line community has grown and is still growing rapidly. The engineering discipline of software product line has emerged as the “Power for Competitive Advantage.”

SPLC is the most prestigious and leading forum for researchers, practitioners, and educators in the field. SPLC2007 will provide a venue for exchanging, sharing, and learning technologies and industrial experiences to the community. The conference will feature research and experience papers, tutorials, workshops, panels, doctoral symposium, and demonstrations. We encourage you to take full advantage of this precious opportunity.

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Finally, I thank you, the conference attendees. We are very grateful for your attendance and participation. I hope that you have chances to meet experts from all over the world and have a fruitful time at SPLC2007. Thank and enjoy the conference!

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