Messages from the Symposium and Program Chairs

We cordially welcome you to the 21st Symposium on Reliable Distributed Systems (SRDS 2002). The symposium is sponsored by IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Distributed Processing in cooperation with IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Fault-Tolerant Computing, IFIP WG 10.4 on Dependable Computing and Fault Tolerance, IEICE Dependable Computing Technical Group, and Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Osaka University.

For more than two decades SRDS has been a leading symposium for researchers and developers to exchange information on emerging principles and practices underlying reliable distributed computing. In the series of the symposia, SRDS 2002 is the first to be held not only in Japan but in Asia. We therefore hope that the attendees, especially those from outside Japan, will find out and enjoy the atmosphere of this country as well as the symposium itself.

The technical program consists of 33 papers from 11 countries. We are extremely grateful to all the members of program committee for their care and diligence for quality reviews. We would also like to thank the authors of all submitted papers for their considering SRDS as a venue for presenting their work.

The symposium is blessed with two one-day workshops: Workshop on Self-Repairing and Self-Configurable Distributed Systems and Workshop on Reliable Peer-to-Peer Distributed Systems. We would like to thank the organizers of the workshops.

SRDS 2002 would not be possible but for the hard work of many. We would like to thank Professor Makoto Takizawa, Dr. Jean Arlat, Professor Joni Fraga, and Professor Jie Xu for their activities as publicity committee members. We would like thank every member of the organizing committee of the symposium for contributing his or her expertise. We wish to express our gratitude to all those who sincerely took part in the symposium.

Symposium Chair
Tohru Kikuno

Program Co-Chairs
Eltefaat Shokri
Rachid Guerraoui
Toshimitsu Masuzawa