Monolithic Buddha statue, an important landmark of Hyderabad city, adorns the front cover of this year’s proceedings. This statue is located in the center of the tranquil waters of Hussain Sagar Lake on the rock of Gibraltar. It is approximately 22 meters (72 feet) in height and 450 tonnes (450,000 kilograms) in weight. Counted amongst the world’s largest monoliths, this statue was chiseled out of a white granite rock. Starting from 1985, the statue was carved by 200 sculptors for more than two years, under the skilled guidance of Sri Ganapati Stapathi. The sculpting, the transport of the statue to its position and its erection had been a massive effort and had witnessed quite a few difficulties, including fall of the statue in the lake. Today, the statue stands majestically on a red lotus pedestal in the waters of the lake gracing the Hyderabad city.

On the occasion of this Silver Jubilee VLSI Design Conference, we hope that the conference also continues to stand tall, personifying the efforts that have been put in to bring the conference to its present stature, and serve the semiconductor community further over the coming years.

Welcome to the Pearl City of India, Hyderabad!

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