MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CO-CHAIR

The School of Computer Engineering (SCE), which organized this conference, is one of the five engineering schools in the College of Engineering at Nanyang Technological University. The other schools are the School of Civil and Environment Engineering, the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, the School of Materials Engineering, and the School of Mechanical and Production Engineering. One of the world's largest engineering colleges with 14,000 students and 1,600 staff, the College of Engineering aims to promote greater synergy in cross-disciplinary teaching and research by building a common platform that draws on the key strengths of each school.

The School sees its mission as achieving teaching excellence, world-class research and leadership development in computer engineering. This mission is being carried out through fostering an innovative and entrepreneurial community, preparing graduates for lifelong learning and leadership and conducting cutting-edge research in collaboration with industry and eminent international institutions. In keeping with the University's aim of being a "University of the Industry and Business", the School strives to ensure that industrial relevance is maintained in the training of its graduates and in its R&D programs. Links with industry are maintained for our courses and the research centers, collaborative R&D programs, continuing education courses, and consultancy. Organizing this conference is a part of the School's policy to achieve excellence in research and industrial collaboration. I hope that a knowledge-based Singapore will become a cradle for this promising direction of research and technology.

CW2003 will provide an opportunity for scientists and engineers from around the world to share the latest research, ideas, and developments on cyberworlds. The conference will consist of formal paper sessions, tutorials, industrial seminars and hands-on demonstrations where research groups and vendors will show the state-of-the-art in the field.

I thank Professor Tosiyasu L. Kunii for mooting the idea of holding CW2003 in Singapore, which we readily accepted. Professor Kunii provided great leadership and direction to the organization of this conference. My appreciation goes to Professor Alexei Sourin for his untiring efforts as Program Chair.

I wish you a fruitful time in Singapore, and that your stay here is a pleasant memorable experience.

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