Message from the General Chairs

On behalf of the Information Processing Society of JAPAN (IPSJ) and the IEEE Computer Society, we would like to invite you to attend the fourth Symposium on Applications and the Internet (SAINT 2004). This year’s symposium will be held 26-30 January 2004, at the Tokyo Fashion Town (TFT), which is located in a newly developed business and entertainment section of the Tokyo bay area. This is the second time SAINT comes to Japan (the first time was in Nara – January 2002).

This year, we have a strong program consisting of 13 technical sessions, two keynote speeches, nine workshops, two panels, and two tutorials. Speakers and participants from different countries, cultures, and areas of expertise will share their research and latest innovations and their visions for the Internet of the future. The technical program covers new technological advances in the working of the Internet and its protocols. It also introduces a number of novel and emerging applications and services, which are fueling further demands on bandwidth, QoS, ubiquity, and pervasiveness.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Organizing Committee who worked very hard in assembling this program. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Drs. Shinji Shimojo and Erich Neuhold for their efforts in running a quality and efficient review process. We also would like to thank Dr. Katsuyuki Yamazaki for his dedicated efforts in publicizing the symposium. Finally, we thank all members of the Program and Organizing Committees who volunteered and attended the OC/PC meeting in San Francisco.

We sincerely wish that you enjoy the SAINT 2004 conference and we hope it stimulates new ideas on emerging applications, technologies, and their fusion. Finally, we wish you an enjoyable stay in Tokyo.

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