Welcome from the General Chairs
SoCPaR 2009

Welcome to Malacca, Malaysia and the International Conference of Soft Computing and Pattern Recognition (SoCPaR 2009), December 04-07, 2009. SoCPaR 2009 is organized to address various issues to prosper the creation of intelligent solutions in future. The aim is to bring together worldwide leading researchers, developers, practitioners and educators interested in advancing the state of the art in soft computing and pattern recognition for exchanging knowledge that encompasses a broad range of disciplines among various distinct communities. It is hoped that researchers will bring new prospect for collaboration across disciplines and gain idea facilitating novel breakthrough. The theme for this conference is "Innovating and Inspiring Soft Computing and Intelligent Pattern Recognition for Nation Wealth Creation".

The conference will provide an exceptional platform to the researchers to meet and discuss the utmost solutions, scientific results and methods in solving intriguing problems with people that actively involved in these evergreen fields. The 4-day conference commencing with tutorials on the first day will feature prominent keynote speakers, panel discussion, and paper presentation in parallel tracks.

SoCPaR 2009 is technically supported by the IEEE Systems, Man & Cybernetics Society, Technical Committees on Soft Computing and Granular Computing. Many people have collaborated and worked hard to produce a successful SoCPaR 2009 conference. First and foremost, we would like to thank all the authors for submitting their papers to the conference, for their presentations and discussions during the conference. Our thanks to Program Committee members and reviewers, who carried out the most difficult work by carefully evaluating the submitted papers. We would like to give special thanks to the PC Chairs Azah Kamilah Muda and Hisao Ishibuchi for their work and great efforts in preparing an interesting technical programme.

For SoCPaR 2009 we have 6 plenary talks and 1 industrial talk. We would like to thank the local organizing committee from Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, Malaysia for all the wonderful organization. Our special thanks to Mr. Patrick Kellenberger of IEEE Computer Society Press for all the support and help related to the production of this important scientific work. SoCPaR 2009 conference used EasyChair Conference system; Andrei Voronkov's support is much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you in Malacca, Malaysia, during SoCPaR 2009.

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