

Editorial Preface

International Conference on Electronic Business (ICEB 2001)

This issue contains a special section devoted to the First International Conference on Electronic Business (ICEB 2001), held in Hong Kong, December 19-21, 2001.

There were well over 200 papers submitted to ICEB 2001, and 165 papers were accepted and included in the conference proceedings. These papers and presentations had contributed significantly to the field of e-business as it continues making strides in the new millennium. Although e-commerce has gone through its ups and downs in the past few years, there is no doubt that e-business will shake up every aspect of our life in the future. On the other hand, researchers and developers have already moved ahead to investigate ways to integrate e-commerce technologies including coding and messaging, communication protocols, and mobile technologies with enterprise operations and business processes, all of which constitute what we call e-business. There is still much science and technology to be discovered and applied. We sincerely hope the continuous success of the conference will engender the much-needed collaboration of research as well as debates on issues related to pioneer e-business research.

The great success of the ICEB 2001 should be attributed to a group of dedicated

people. For this, we would like to express our sincere thanks to our conference co-organizers: College of Management, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan; Centre For E-Business, National University of Singapore; and Research Center for Contemporary Management, Tsinghua University. We would also like to thank Professors Ching-Chyi Lee, Xiande Zhao, and Baoding Liu for coordinating paper review and the production of the proceedings; Professors Timon Du, Chi-Chun Lo, and Dr. Jacqueline Wong for promotion and program organization; and Ms. May Lam and Miss Louisa Liu for their superb administrative support.

Special thanks go to Professor Felix B. Tan, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Global Information Management*, who has dedicated this special section for outstanding papers presented at the conference that provide global perspective of information management. We are honored to be the guest editors of the section. After our initial screening, eight out of 18 submitted papers were chosen for the double-blinded review process. Over 30 reviewers, mostly in the information systems field, were involved in the review process. Thanks to the reviewers, one article and two research notes are selected to be included in this section. The three papers respectively dis-

cuss cultural issues in information systems management and e-commerce development and a global perspective of implementing a straight-through security processing system.

By comparing American and Korean information system managers, Professor H.Y. Choi and H. Choi examine how cross-cultural factors impact their performance and job satisfaction. Professors Bin and Chen describe in their research note the recent developments and trends of e-commerce in China, and further identify the cultural problems that potentially hinder its future development. Finally, the research note of Professors Hee, Chen, and Huang discusses cross-border transactions and straight-through processing (STP) for electronic security trading. They also propose an STP readiness assessment framework that can be used to manage STP implementation risks and increase implementation success rate.

Our most sincere thanks goes to all the authors who contributed their works to this special section. Without them, the debut of

this special section would be impossible. Although the review and editorial processes have gone much longer than we have anticipated, we have learned a lot from the processes and from the contents of all the papers submitted. We would like to once again thank all the reviewers for their efforts and valuable comments. We hope you will enjoy reading the papers in this section as we did.

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