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Preface

We cordially welcome you to the proceedings of the 2006 International Symposium on Ubiquitous Computing Systems (UCS) held in Seoul, Korea. UCS has been a symposium for dissemination of state-of-the-art research and engineering practices in ubiquitous computing with particular emphasis on systems and software. 2006 UCS was the third of this series of international symposia, and its importance is increasing as information technology industries are recognizing ubiquitous systems to be one of their top priorities. This year the symposium was organized by u-Korea Forum, Sungkyunkwan University, The Electronic Times, and UCN, Korea. It was also sponsored by the Korea Ministry of Information and Communication, KISS, KIPS, KICS, NCA from Korea and IPSJ SIGUBI, IEICE URON, and UNF from Japan.

This year we attracted 359 high-quality paper submissions from all over the world. Among them, 41 papers representing 11 countries were selected to be included in the technical program. This very low acceptance rate of about 11% clearly demonstrates the high quality of the conference, and this tradition will continue in the upcoming years. Three distinguished speakers were also invited for keynote speeches, who enlightened the audience on ubiquitous computing theory and application.

The technical program of UCS 2006 could achieve a very high quality through a precise and stringent review process. The Technical Program Committee consisted of 47 excellent members, and every submitted paper received at least 3 reviews. Most reviews were almost of journal paper review quality, and the paper selection made via Web conferences for several days was very serious and strict. This greatly contributed toward a high-quality program, and at the same time, enhanced of the quality of each respective paper submitted.

Along with the symposium, we also offered a poster session. This was for emphasizing the practical aspect of ubiquitous issues in real-world problems, especially in computing and communication. It provided the researchers and engineers with opportunities for sharing their ideas and solutions of various challenging problems in this area.

The city of Seoul is a mega-center of academia/industry for various areas of information technology. It also houses a variety of cultural and modern settings. Therefore, the participants of UCS were able to enjoy not only an interesting technical program but also a unique metropolitan atmosphere.

As General Co-chairs and Program Co-chairs, we would like to extend our appreciation to all those who took part in the symposium: the Steering Committee, Organizing Committee, Program Committee, the authors, and the reviewers. Special thanks go to Minsoo Kim from Ajou University, Korea for preparation of the proceedings and Suhee Kim from u-Korea Forum for taking care of all the chores.

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