Inaugural Editorial

WELCOME to the IEEE INTERNET OF THINGS JOURNAL (IoT-J), which is co-sponsored by the IEEE Sensors Council, IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Communications Society, and IEEE Signal Processing Society. We are very excited to see the launch of this JOURNAL. It is our great honor to serve the IoT-J.

The Internet of Things (IoT) has been emerging as "the next big thing" in Internet. As a rapidly growing area, IoT has become a technological focus for academia, industry, and even government organizations. Many regions and countries have made tremendous investments in recent years to promote IoT research and development. It is envisioned that many billions of physical "things" will be connected to the Internet to enable smart life and a smart planet.

Although IEEE has several existing periodicals related to IoT, none of them focus solely on IoT technologies. The IoT-J publishes papers on the latest advances, as well as review articles, on various aspects of IoT. Topics will include IoT system architecture, IoT enabling technologies, IoT communications and networking protocols, IoT services and applications, and the social implications of IoT. Special issues will focus on single topic areas. Examples include IoT demands, impacts, and implications on sensors technologies, big data management, and future internet design for various IoT application scenarios, such as smart cities, smart environments, smart homes, etc.

The need for the IoT-J is evidenced by the more than 200 manuscripts received during the past few months. This inaugural issue will be published in two parts. Part I presents a good set of review and research papers covering wide areas of IoT. Additional papers, in other areas, will be included in Part II of this inaugural issue.

The IoT-J "pipeline" includes special issues on selected topics such as IoT Security, Smart and Connected Health, Internet of Vehicles, Mobile Crowd Sensing, Big Data Analytics, and Cloud for IoT. We hope that the IoT-J will represent IEEE well by becoming the world's foremost publication on the IoT. The JOURNAL has a strict peer-review policy and it aims to have short delays between submission and publication.
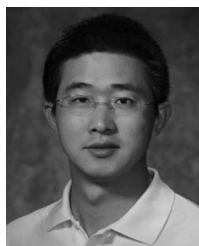
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We look forward to receiving your submissions, suggestions, and volunteer services. Thank you all, in advance.

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