

Welcome to SICE Annual Conference 2005 in Okayama

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It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the SICE Annual Conference 2005 in Okayama. The conference is held on August 8-10, 2005 at Okayama University, Okayama, Japan, sponsored by the Society of Instrumentation and Control Engineers (SICE) and technically cosponsored by IEEE/IES, IEEE/RAS, IEEE/CSS, IEEE/SMC and The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society (ISA), also in cooperation with IEEE Japan Council, The Institute of Control, Automation and Systems Engineers, Korea, Chinese Automatic Control Society, China Instrument Society, IFAC Japan Council, International Measurement Confederation (IMEKO), and financially supported by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

This conference is in the final stage of internationalization of the annual conference after gradually internationalized in three preceding conferences, and it can be said that it is successfully internationalized since about 30% of accepted papers are from outside of Japan. And we can smoothly pass over this conference to SICE-ICCAS 2006 in Pusan, Korea, which is the first conference held outside of Japan.

Since the sponsoring society, SICE covers inter-sciences and inter-technologies, this conference includes rather broad technical fields relating instrumentation, system and control engineering from basic theoretical researches to practical engineering applications. Each field of instrumentation, control, systems/information and system integration respectively shares 22 to 24% of papers among more than 800 accepted papers, and the remaining 10% of accepted papers are for application to industry. About 30% of accepted papers are from 26 foreign countries.

Okayama city is at a crossroads in the western part of Japan, 1 hour by super express train from Osaka or Hiroshima. This district is famous with delicious fruit, peach and muscat grapes, which we can taste in the best condition in summer. Also, there are many sight-seeing places to go, Seto Oohashi Bridge, Korakuen Garden and so on. I hope all of participants enjoy your stay in the city of Okayama and mutual exchange of scientific/technical information at the conference.

I would like to present my sincere thanks to the three invited speakers for special lectures, authors of presented papers, participants and the members of Program Committee and Organizing Committee.