Foreword

Welcome to the beautiful city of Sendai and to PACLIC 24. Tohoku University thank you for your participation, the Logico-Linguistic Society of Japan thank you for your contribution, and I thank you for coming to join us.

We are gathered here for the 24th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation, to be held for the first time in Sendai. To our call for papers distributed earlier this year, we received a total of 102 submissions, out of which 28 are selected for oral presentations, 25 for poster presentations and 20 for the student session. This year, we witnessed a sudden increase of submissions from South Asia and on languages in the region, augmenting diversity of languages discussed and countries and regions of participants. With increasing number of submissions, we are no longer able to follow our earlier PACLIC tradition to organize the program into one series of single sessions, but we still hope to keep our spirit in which researchers in theoretical and computational linguistics from diverse research backgrounds on various issues of different languages gather together, share results and go home with fresh ideas and new friendships. Following the practice of PACLIC 23 held in 2009 at the City University of Hong Kong, we set up multiple sessions to accommodate more oral presentations, but the two invited open symposia and three plenary talks do not have counterpart parallel sessions. We have two pre-workshops, one on corpus and the other on meaning, on Day 0, which is Thursday November 4th, and on Day 3, which is Sunday November 7th, we have a special workshop, proposed and organized by Dr. Chungmin Lee, in honor of Professor Akira Ikeya, who is one of the "founding fathers" of this PACLIC series of conferences.

We introduced two new "innovations" in our program: the two organized symposia on Day 1 and Day 2 are open to the general public, namely general audience who are not registered for PACLIC 24 can attend the presentations for free. Another new attempt is to set up a Student Session and Student Awards. The session is for graduate students and authors of several best papers are awarded partial travel expense support. The former is intended to attract more audience, mostly from within Japan and especially from the area around the hosting institution, and the latter to motivate increased interests in submission, especially from students outside Japan.

All these new attempts were possible by the dedicated efforts by our Organizing Chair, Professor Kei Yoshimoto, Program Chair, Ryo Otoguro, and other members of both the Organizing and Program Committees and additional reviewers, with financial support from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and Tohoku University.

Now, please enjoy the presentations, get connected and get ready to start a new collaboration!

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