

## Welcome to SCIS&ISIS 20002, Tsukuba, Japan

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to welcome all delegates, representatives and participants from all around the world to the 1<sup>st</sup> international conference on Soft Computing and Intelligent Systems (SCIS), and the 3<sup>rd</sup> international symposium on Advanced Intelligent Systems (ISIS), Tsukuba, Japan. Indeed, SCIS is the international session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Fuzzy System Symposium, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ISIS were held in Korea.

Tsukuba is located in Ibaraki and is known as Japan's center of science and technology because there are number of national research institutes, universities, laboratories of industry. Therefore, Tsukuba is said to be the most suitable city to host this joint conference in Japan. The SCIS & ISIS covers a wide spectrum of science and technology on soft computing and intelligent systems.

The conference plenary lectures and technical sessions have carefully been chosen to seek future directions on soft computing and intelligent systems. This conference will provide a great opportunity for leading international researchers of the various fields to discuss a wide range of problems regarding high technologies in soft computing and intelligent systems. We are confident that participants will enjoy informative sessions and exciting discussions.

We also appreciate all contributions and cooperation by the committee members, sponsoring societies and organizations, and supporting industries towards the success of the conference. Especially, we acknowledge the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology for their support as a cooperating organization.

We do hope that this conference will highly be successful and fruitful to all participants and that you will fully enjoy the conference in both its technical and social aspects.



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