



Foreword

Fifth International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society

For the fifth year in a row, I am very proud that The International Journal of the Computer, the Internet and Management (IJCIM) has the privilege of publishing the Special Issue on eLearning. The Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society includes 44 papers from 15 countries. Authors from more than 15 countries have submitted their papers but due to the unfortunate political problems in Bangkok, the airport was closed not very long before the date of the Conference. Many authors had to cancel their air tickets. When the airport was open a few days before the date of the Conference, some authors could not get new tickets. Anyway, the countries represented are Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and USA. The topic of eLearning is more and more important as can be seen by the fact that more than 90% of large universities in the US are offering eLearning. To once again devote an entire issue to eLearning is thus an extraordinary opportunity for us.

Sample papers are Regional Report 2008 on ASEAN University-level eLearning, Effective Corporate eLearning, Mobile Learning, eLearning 2.0, Web-based Tools, Digital Libraries, Adaptive eLearning System, Readiness Assessment Tool, Optimum Pedagogic Utility of eLearning, Evaluation Framework, Knowledge Quality, Effect of Organizational Culture on Acceptance of eLearning, Sample eLearning Laws and Court Cases, Using SCORM to Provide Different Paths in eLearning Courses, Providing eLearning Service for the Blog, AUPlus and SCITplus, the Impact of Corporate Managers Attitudes on eLearning, Evaluation Interactivity of eLearning Resources, Pedagogical-based Design and Development of eLearning, Critical Components for Successful Multimedia-based Collaborative eLearning Design, eLearning in Finance, etc. There is not enough space on this page to discuss the papers published here but I would like to remark on the optimism that there is a real sense that progress is being made and that learning at all levels, from early youth, to colleges and universities, to the lifelong learning will be transformed as a result of the papers. The field is moving rapidly and we look forward to the Sixth International Conference next year which will continue that progress still further.

In my capacity as the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of the Computer, the Internet and Management, I would like to thank those who have made the Fifth International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-based Society and its Proceedings possible. The main organizers are the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, the Computer Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the King, the Interdisciplinary Network of the Royal Institute of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and Asia Pacific eLearning Association. The supporters are Thailand Chapter of the ACM, Thailand Joint Chapter of the Computer Society and the Engineering Management Society of the IEEE, Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society, Thailand Internet Association, Association of Thai Internet Industry, Prof.Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman Foundation, and Assumption University with its College of Internet Distance Education. Also crucial have been our sponsoring organizations, namely, the National Telecommunications Commission, Software Industry Promotion Agency, SVOA Public Co., Ltd., NOK Precision Component (Thailand) Ltd, and SMART TELCOMS Public co.,Ltd. Finally I must also thank all of the members of the Organizing Committee, as well as the staff of the Office of Vice President for Information Technology of Au, staff of CIDE, and staff of the IJCIM.

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