

Preface

At the time of July, Xi'an is brimming with energy and enthusiasm. In this vital season, I am honored to welcome all the colleagues from all over the world to attend the 5th International Asia Conference on Industrial Engineering and Management Innovation. It is your great efforts that make the proceedings of IEMI 2014 so fruitful, and the proceeding will serve as the guidebook for the potential development and application in IEMI, theoretically and technologically.

Established in June 1990, the Chinese Industrial Engineering Institution, CMES, is the first and largest institution with most members in the industrial engineering field. It is also the sole national institution recognized by the China Association of Science and Technology, and is called the Chinese Industrial Engineering Institution (CIEI). During the past 20 years, CIEI has held dozens of domestic and international academic conferences, including quite a number in Hong Kong, Macao, and Cross-Strait forums and seminars on industrial engineering. Sticking to the philosophy of "serving the country, serving the society, and serving the members", the CIEI has established extensive cooperation with institutes and organizations from the USA, UK, Russia, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other countries or areas.

The 5th International Asia Conference on Industrial Engineering and Management Innovation is sponsored by the CIEI and organized by Xi'an Jiaotong University. The conference aims to share and disseminate information on the most recent and relevant researches, theories, and practices in industrial and systems engineering to promote their development and application in universities and enterprises. In the conference, some excellent scholars and experts both from home and abroad, as Keynote Speakers, share their glory of achievement on scientific research and application in Industrial Engineering and Management Innovation.

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