## Message from the General Co-chairs

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome all of you to attend the International Conference on Mobile Ad-hoc and Sensor Networks 2012 (MSN 2012) at Yinhe Dynasty Hotel, Chengdu, China. This is the Eighth conference in the series, following the successful MSN 2005 in Wuhan, MSN 2006 in Hong Kong, MSN 2007 in Beijing, MSN2008 in Wuhan, MSN 2009 in Wuyi, MSN 2010 in Hangzhou, and MSN 2011 in Beijing. MSN 2012 is held based on the success of previous MSN, Which has already been served as an important forum for mobile ad-hoc and sensor networks

As is well understood, mobile ad-hoc and sensor networks play an important role in all aspects of economic and social life and have greatly changed the way of our communication and computation. Research and development in this field has been carried out in the last few years and we have already seeing many progresses for these technologies. Having realized the significance of mobile ad-hoc and sensor networks, the Call for Papers of MSN 2012 has received very encouraging responses from professionals worldwide.

This year we have received 86 submissions for the conference from different countries. We are certain that the selected papers will be of high-quality on the latest hot topics under the review done by the highly selective technical program. MSN2012 has put together an outstanding program, which aims to address a broad range of research issues and challenges in the field of mobile ad-hoc and sensor networks.



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Two keynote sessions will be delivered by Prof. Gerard Medioni from University of Southern California and Prof. Nei Kato from Tohoku University. Apart from two keynote sessions, this conference offers a great technical program to present the latest advances in the field of wireless sensor networks, wireless LAN, wireless mesh and ad-hoc networks, social and delay tolerant networks and cognitive wireless networks.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the participants to MSN 2012. The conference will not be possible without many individual and organizations. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of chairs and members of the Technical Program Committee, Organizing Committee, and reviewers, who put their endless time and efforts in preparing for the event. It is our sincere hope that all colleagues and friends will have a very happy experience during this conference and have a pleasant stay in Chengdu.

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