



Welcome to ICPR'06

The 19th International Conference on Pattern Recognition will be held in Hong Kong during September 3-7, 2006.

Topics

Tracks include the following topics:

Computer Vision and Image Analysis

- ☞ Active Vision
- ☞ Early Vision
- ☞ Feature Extraction
- ☞ Motion Analysis
- ☞ Representation
- ☞ Recognition (2D and 3D)
- ☞ Texture and Colour
- ☞ Scene Understanding
- ☞ Segmentation
- ☞ Shape from X
- ☞ Visual Navigation

Pattern Recognition and Basic Technologies

- ☞ AI-based Pattern Recognition
- ☞ Associative Memories
- ☞ Dimensionality Reduction
- ☞ Document Analysis and Understanding
- ☞ Feature Selection
- ☞ Invariance in Recognition
- ☞ Learning
- ☞ Multiresolution Classification
- ☞ Neural Networks for Pattern Recognition
- ☞ Self-Organising Networks
- ☞ Statistical Approach
- ☞ Structural and Syntactic Approach

Signal, Speech and Image Processing

- ☞ Enhancement and Restoration
- ☞ Filtering
- ☞ Image and Data Representation
- ☞ Image Registration
- ☞ Mathematical Morphology
- ☞ Signal Coding and Compression
- ☞ Signal Segmentation
- ☞ Speech Processing and Understanding
- ☞ Visualisation

Systems, Robotics and Applications

- ☞ Automation and Robotics
- ☞ Biomedical Imaging
- ☞ Image Database Systems
- ☞ Mobile Robots
- ☞ Multimedia
- ☞ Multiprocessor Systems
- ☞ OCR
- ☞ Parallel Algorithms and Languages
- ☞ Range Imaging
- ☞ Real Time Systems
- ☞ Remote Sensing Applications
- ☞ Smart Sensors
- ☞ Surveillance
- ☞ Visual Inspection
- ☞ VLSI Architectures

Cognitive Approaches & Soft Computing

- ☞ Data Mining in Pattern Recognition
- ☞ Fractal Geometry
- ☞ Fuzzy Logic
- ☞ Genetic Algorithms
- ☞ Image Fusion
- ☞ Intelligent Agent Technology
- ☞ Multimodel Interface
- ☞ Time-Frequency Analysis
- ☞ Wavelet and Multiresolution Processing
- ☞ Others

Important Dates

- Deadline for paper submission: **December 1, 2005**
- Deadline for tutorial submission: **January 15, 2006**
- Notification of acceptance: **March 1, 2006**
- Camera ready papers and author registration: **April 15, 2006**
- End of early bird registration period: **April 15, 2006**

ICPR'06 Conference Organization

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Financing ICPR2006:

Budget Item	\$US (1\$US = \$HK7.8)
Income	
Registration (1500 × 500\$US)	750,000
Student Registration (200 × 100\$US)	20,000
Exhibitors, Sponsors & Grants	50,000
IAPR Loans	20,000
Total Income	840,000
Expenditure	
Banquet, Reception, coffee breaks	77,220
Dinner for Board Members	3,000
Location of venue, insurance & security	100,000
Audio-visual	19,305
Conference secretariat	32,175
Invited speakers (15 × 3000\$US)	45,000
KS Fu Prize	2,000
Committee meetings	30,000
Proceedings	100,000
IAPR Return (10%)	84,000
Refund of loans	20,000
Publicity, Call for Papers, Programs	100,000
Communications (Long distance calls, faxes)	10,000
Mailing	50,000
Expendables & promotional expenses	10,000
Conference bags	15,000
Organizing committee office expenses	30,000
Accommodation for Chairs, etc.	30,000
Payment for Bank charges (1.5% av.)	11,380
Total Expenditure	770,081
Balance (Revenue – Expenditure)	69,919

Paper Submission

Authors are requested to submit their papers. Authors are requested to submit their papers submission can be made through the WWW site. Paper must be written in English and omitting author names and affiliation. Paper formats and style files will be available on the www site. Additionally, authors have to send by post a hard copy of the paper to the conference secretariat. Hard copy of the paper must include the following information on a separate page:

- Names of the authors
- Affiliation
- Postal address
- Phone and Fax numbers
- e-mail address
- Name of contact person

Review Process

Papers will be submitted to blind reviews. Selection criteria include accuracy and originality of the ideas, clarity and significance of the results, and quality of the presentation.

At least one of the authors of accepted papers register to the conference when submitting the camera-ready copy of the manuscript for the paper to be printed in the conference proceedings. Authors are expected to present their work at the conference.

Tutorials

ICPR 2006 invites interested researchers to send proposals for the Tutorial Program. Those interested in presenting a tutorial should submit a proposal to the ICPR 2006 Tutorial and demos Chair before January 15 , 2006. Tutorial submission should contain the following information:

- A brief description at the tutorial suitable for inclusion in the conference registration brochure;
- A detailed outline of the tutorial;
- Description of the target audience of the tutorial:
- A brief resume of the presenters including name, postal address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and contributions to the field of the proposed tutorial.

Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of China is a city of boundless energy. With its harbour full of ships and a skyline dominated by green hills and glittering buildings, it lives by the commercial and financial excitement it generates.

This is a city that has learnt to use opportunities for change and advancement;



The Heartbeat of Asia

Hong Kong lies at the heart of Asia. It is the region's top single travel destination with almost 70 airlines connecting it to more than 120 cities around the world. Millions of visitors arrive annually by air, on board cruise ships which dock at a downtown cruise terminal and by road and train across its border with Mainland China. Whether visitors are here to rest, shop, eat or to visit the city's many attractions, all will absorb that uniquely Hong Kong atmosphere.



A Place where East-meets-West

This is a city that embraces every aspect of modern technology, trade and finance. Yet, behind its 21st century façade, the traditions of ancient China are firmly rooted. Secular remains of the Manchu Empire stand impervious to the commotion of modern Hong Kong.



Some of the earliest vestiges of the city's 150 years as a British colony are surrounded by new skyscrapers in glass, steel and modern masonry. In this city of contrasts, executives in pin-stripes suits rub shoulders with elderly man in pyjamas taking their songbirds for a walk along city streets. Colourful street markets compete with sophisticated shopping malls. A blend of East and West, old and new, Hong Kong balances its past with its present and with its ambitions for the future.



A Place of Happenings

From Cantonese opera to Phantom of the Opera, Hong Kong's mix of Chinese and Western tradition makes for a rich cultural landscape. Living up to its reputation as the Events Capital of Asia, the city hosts an array of world-renowned artists, top-notch shows and thrilling concerts. Each year there are major international art and film festivals. Plus you can see our very own performance groups: classical ballets, contemporary dance, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, and the world's largest orchestra of traditional Chinese instruments.

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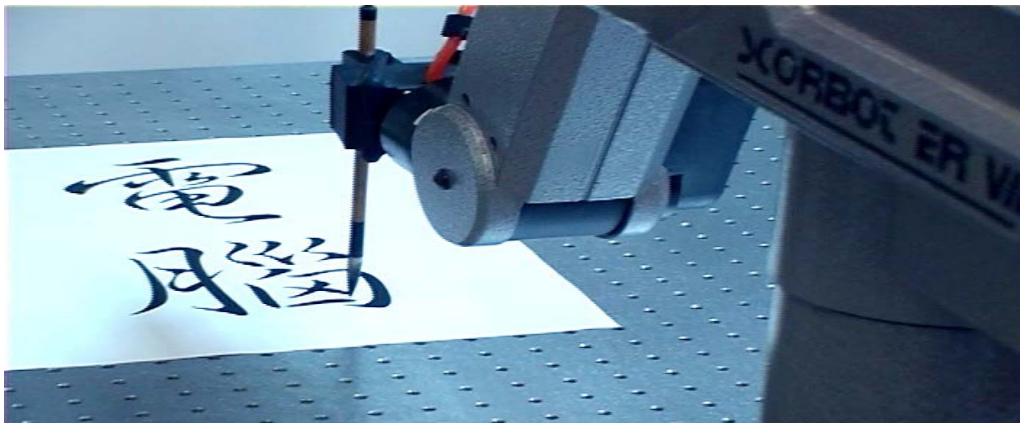


Alive with History and Heritage

You could spend your entire visit here exploring Hong Kong's historical sites and museums, and still only scratch the surface. For the students of history and culture, there's no other place like it – because there's no other place like Hong Kong. Modern, dynamic, forward-looking, yet with a past that goes back six millennia. And what a past it's been – Chinese, British, now Chinese again, punctuated by wars, occupation, and periods of uncertainty, peace and prosperity. And history is being made here every day!

At the Leading Edge of Technology

Collaborating with Hong Kong Government on the one hand, and business, industry, academia and the community at large on the other, Hong Kong is developing to be a leading digital city in the coming century. The HKSAR government is fully committed to encouraging the development of IT to maintain Hong Kong's competitive edge and to drive our overall economic growth. "Digital 21" IT strategy was announced in 1998 which sets out the vision and targets to enhance and to promote Hong Kong's information infrastructure and



services, and department and bureau were set up to pursue the full range of initiatives in earnest.

The Cyberport

One of the major projects in the "Digital 21" Strategy is the Cyberport project. The Cyberport is an information infrastructure project which aims at creating a strategic cluster of leading information technology and information services companies and a critical mass of professional talents in Hong Kong in a shortest possible

time. The companies in the Cyberport will specialize in the application of advanced information technology to the development of services and multimedia content. It will consolidate Hong Kong's position as an information and technology hub, and will also create an international multimedia and information services centre. Infrastructural works already commenced in September 1999 to meet the target completion of the first phase of the Cyberport development by late 2001/early 2002. Up to now, 14 leading IT and IS companies have signed letters of intent to become anchor tenants: Cisco Systems, CMGI, Hewlett-Packard, Hua Wei, IBM, Legend, Microsoft, Oracle, Pacific Convergence Corporation (a joint venture between the Pacific Century Group and Intel), Portal, Silicon Graphics, Softbank, Sybase and Yahoo!. Another 60 companies have registered interest to become tenants.

At the Forefront of Research

Besides the research departments of the eight local universities, **the Science Park** is going to be the most prominent research centre of Hong Kong. The Science Park project is one of the major commitments made by the Hong Kong government to move Hong Kong's economy up the technology and value added ladder. It will strengthen the links between the higher education, research, industrial and business communities and help develop networks between them. And this project will help make the investment in higher education and research more immediately productive, and helps the commercialisation of research results by matching technological advances in laboratories with the right businesses. To ensure its success, the government is putting in place other support programmes to benefit future tenants. This includes the \$5 billion Innovation and Technology Fund to finance projects

which contribute to the upgrading of Hong Kong's industries. And in a few moments, the Science Park will sign the co-operation agreements with six universities. As this close partnership takes root, a "community of innovation and technology" will come to life.

An International Meeting Place

Hong Kong welcomes 10 million visitors a year, of which around 30% come for business – attending trade shows, conferences and meetings. We are at the heart of the world's fastest growing market for information technology, fashion, industrial equipment, financial products, fine art and a host of other products and services. We create the perfect exhibiting environment, and attract hundreds of thousands of buyers a year from all over the world.



Hong Kong has developed an enviable track record as the host city to major events, and mega events are booked through the year 2005. It hosted the IMF – World Bank Meeting in 1997 with 14,000 delegates and, each week, events ranging from specialised academic conferences, corporate meetings and incentive movements to major fairs are held.



Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC)

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) was the landmark site of the ceremony which marked Hong Kong's historic reunification with China. Today it is the venue for conventions and conferences, exhibitions and fairs, drawing people from around the world. The HKCEC opened in 1988 forms part of an impressive complex. Since its opening, the Centre has hosted over 14,000 events. And it is not surprising that nearly 3 million visitors, delegates and buyers visited the Centre annually.

Meeting Rooms

With the completion of the extension, 52 Meeting Rooms are available at the Centre. Most rooms enjoy natural daylight, a modern neutral décor and spectacular views over the harbour. Four series of meeting rooms are available. Each series comprises of 10 to 13 variously sized meeting rooms. And each series could accommodate from 796 to 1256 people. Some of the meeting rooms are easily combined or divided to fit meeting size requirements.



Registration for an event can be enjoyed adjacent to the room utilised, ensuring that the delegates receive a fully personalised service. Refreshments will also be provided

outside the meeting rooms, so that, delegates may relax together in a convivial atmosphere.

Meeting Facilities

In all the meeting facilities, state-of-the-art technical support is available for presentations. The Centre provide up to 2266 telephone points, 1757 data points, 51



single mode fiber, 108 multi-mode fiber and 6 ISPN lines respectively. Each meeting room provides 2 to 30 telephone points, 10 to 50 data points, 5 single



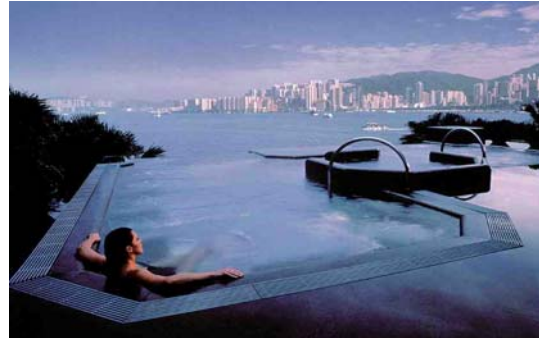
mode fiber and 9 multi-mode fiber respectively.

Video-conferencing facilities, teleconferencing, satellite links, simultaneous interpretation booths for up to 8 languages (fixed and mobile booths

are available), 800 infrared headsets and receivers, foyer registration space, event signage and superior presentation equipment are all available through the Centre's full-time event planning and co-ordination staff. It means that messages can reach an audience within the Centre or anywhere around the world.

Accommodation

The HKCEC is in a prime location for international events. Two hotels are located within the complex. Between them they have more than 1,400 rooms, some of the city's finest restaurants and impressive ballrooms and function rooms. Clusters of other hotels are located nearby, and all contain facilities and restaurants that can be easily adapted to meet the demands of incentive events and theme parties.



Banqueting and Catering

Fifty-two meeting rooms, the Convention Hall and column-free Grand Hall range from 38 m² to 3,880 m², provide space banquet style for 12 (one table) to 3,000 (250 tables) - cocktail style for 20 to 3,800. Capacity is 14,500 meals daily. And the HKCEC catering team caters to when and where you need it - at stands and meeting

rooms and in themed restaurants in the halls. Conveniently located cafeteria and food concessions provide freshly-brewed coffee and tea, the purest of juices and delicious cakes and sandwiches.

Restaurants

The HKCEC houses seven first-class restaurants offering a selection of cuisine



for visitors from around the world. Whatever the tastes, all can be assured of the highest standard of quality and service at the HKCEC. The chefs at the HKCEC have won numerous awards for the excellent quality and presentation of their dishes. Event catering for



exhibitions and conferences at the Centre is on a par with the superb reputation of its restaurants. Special diets and cuisine from around the world can all be catered for, ensuring that every visitor to the Centre receives individual attention.

Hotels

Hong Kong's hotels are, quite simply, some of the best in Asia. All of the major international hotel chains are represented, a number of them with more than one establishment. Rivalling these are the local and regional hotel groups, two of which have "flagship" properties in Hong Kong that rank among the world's most famous and highly rated hotels.

Luxury hotels offer high standards of excellence and a wide range of choices. Many smaller hotels specialise in "family style" hospitality at extremely competitive rates.



Finally, there are guesthouses and hostels to satisfy the budget-conscious traveller.

By combining the best of Eastern service with the latest in Western amenities, Hong Kong's hotels have achieved an excellence that is impressively by any standard. Moreover, almost without exception, the hotels are located just where you want to be – in the downtown areas amidst the city's famous shopping, dining and entertainment centres. In short, right at the heart of the action.

For travellers seeking a more relaxed holiday, there is a growing number of hotels in the New Territories, offering a suburban setting and providing a wide range of recreational facilities.

Altogether there are about 33,900 rooms and there's bound to be a hotel room that's right for you. And whichever one you choose, you'll be within easy reach of the fascinating attractions and the people that make Hong Kong the City of Life.

World of Fine Dining, Smart Shopping, Unforgettable Sights, Coming Cultural Events and Attractions

Food Extravaganza

Something is always cooking in Hong Kong, and generally it's fresh, hot and irresistible. With nearly 8,700 restaurants to choose from – one for every 770 residents – there's food to please every palate. Michelin-star chefs and Chinese masters work side by side, fusing flavours and traditions to create some of the most interesting and sophisticated dining in the world.





Naturally, there's a wealth of Chinese cuisine. Cantonese stir-fry, tea-smoked Szechuan pigeon, Peking duck, Shanghainese crab and other regional specialities abound. Chefs from every

corner of Asia are serving up Thai and Malaysian curries, barbecues from Korea and Mongolia, satay from Indonesia and sushi from Japan. Western food is authentic and exquisite. French bistros, Mexican cantinas and Cajun oyster bars are neighbours in trendy dining districts.

Shop all-round-the-clock and all-round-the-year



From early morning till late at night, HongKongers never stop shopping. The city will surprise you with its wide variety of merchandise and

bargains you can't resist. From bustling open-air markets to cool, glitzy malls. With unsurpassed variety and excellent value for money, Hong Kong can satisfy the most obsessed shopping addict.

In Hong Kong, specialist street markets sell everything from clothes and goldfish to flowers and seafood. There are markets open only at night, and

markets open only during the day. Markets especially for ladies, and those especially for songbird fanciers. Great values and with a unique ambience, Hong Kong's markets are an essential part of commerce in this modern city. Bargain hunters looking for international brand-name clothes at unbelievably low prices should visit Hong Kong. The most important dates in any bargain-hunter's diary – the Hong Kong sales. The winter sales begin in November, don't end until after Chinese New Year in February.

Astounding Visual Experience

There is so much to see you may have a problem knowing where to start, so here's a hint. Just step outside and start exploring. There's a good chance you'll be in the vicinity of a well-known landmark, museum, shopping center, market, park, restaurant or watering hole.



The City is divided into three main areas: Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories. Plus, the Outlying Islands lie in the surrounding waters of the South China Sea. Walking is the best way to explore, and efficient public transportation makes it easy to get from place to place. From modern skyscrapers to traditional temples and villages that have changed little over the centuries, Hong Kong has it all - often side by side. The choice is endless, but you can never go wrong.



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Destination Management

Even a slight little flaw could ruin the impression of the whole trip. Every little detail of the trip is important to visitors, especially for delegates, who only have



a squeezed schedule to experience Hong Kong. Therefore, from airport pick-up, baggage handling, accommodation, social programmes to post-conference tour is substantial to the success of event.

Hong Kong has various experienced destination management companies, exhibition contractors, forwarding agents, entertainment organizers dedicate to give the warmest welcome and comfort to all delegates and make sure the event runs smoothly.

Profile of Hong Kong

Geography

Hong Kong is made up of three quite distinct areas: Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula, the New Territories and 6 Outlying Islands of which there are more than 260 islands.

Climate

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate of mild springs, hot and often wet summers, clear and sunny autumns and cool, dry winters

Language and Population

English and Chinese are Hong Kong's official languages. Cantonese is the most widely spoken of the Chinese dialects, although Mandarin is also popular. English is the language of the business and service industries throughout the city. Hong Kong's population of more than 6.9 million, 96 percent of whom are ethnic Chinese, is highly educated and many people are bilingual.

Entry Formalities

Hong Kong is visa-free to people from more than 170 countries. Visitors who do require visas will find that their applications are processed quickly. Similarly, Hong Kong's free port advantage gives maximum convenience to business enterprises while safeguarding health and security. Exhibition materials and samples are subject to minimal customs restrictions.

Communications

Hong Kong has a well developed telecommunications infrastructure which provides easy access to a variety of international telecommunications services. Electronic mail and database access services are widely used. International Direct Dial (IDD) and facsimile services cover most countries and Hong Kong's

digital network ensures clear and fast coverage, both locally and internationally.

Transportation

There is a wide range of transportation on offer. Limousine hire is easily arranged through hotels or travel agents. Taxis are abundant and flag fall and route charges are clearly shown on metres. Two rail systems are accessible from most parts of Hong Kong. Ferries provide access



to parts of the New Territories and the Outlying Islands. Public bus companies and private minibus operate throughout Hong Kong and charter buses for tour groups can easily be arranged.

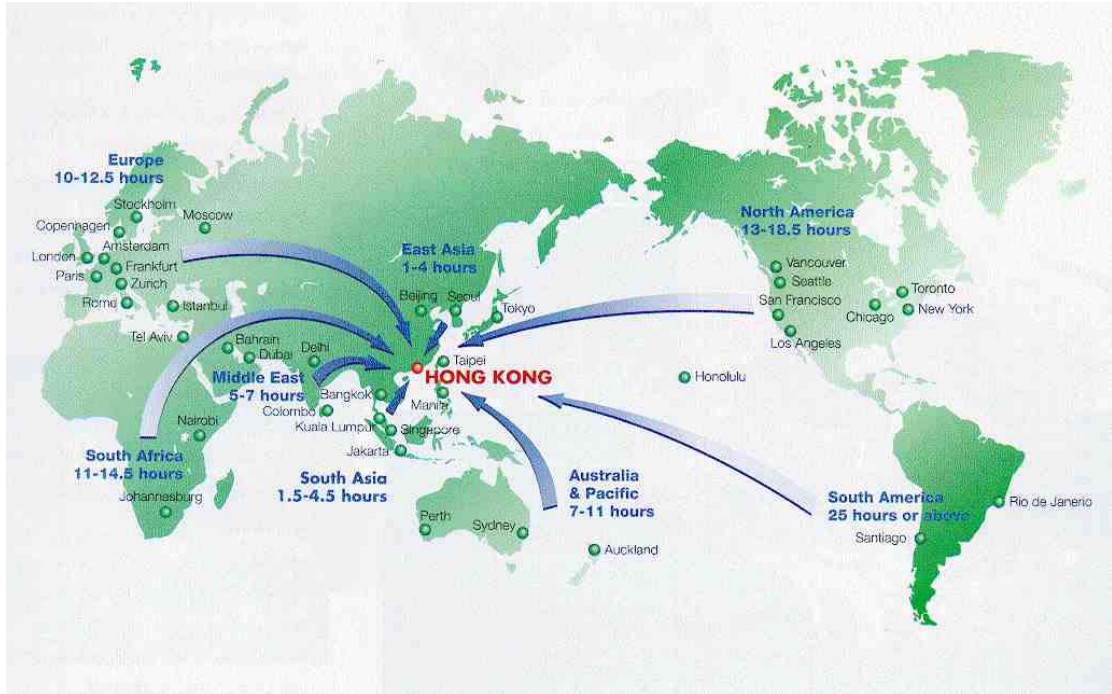
The Unbeatable Hong Kong

Hong Kong is definitely a venue of choice, not just because it is Asia's premier travel destination, but also because it is a regional business hub and Mainland China's window on the world. And it is built with the infrastructure and services required to welcome and support large groups of visitors and the experience to facilitate visits, meetings, exhibitions and incentive and social programmes. Large and small scale convention and exhibition facilities, most conveniently linked to hotels, are available throughout Hong Kong. All offer a comprehensive range of services and have the ability to individually tailor venues and facilities, regardless of the size and scale of the proposed function.

We look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong – the City of Life!

Appendix

Where is Hong Kong?



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行政長官



C. H. TUNG
Chief Executive
The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China

25 August 2000

Dear IAPR Governing Board Members

Hong Kong's Invitation to the 17th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR) 2004

I am pleased to learn that the organizing committee of the ICPR 2004 (Hong Kong) is planning to invite the 17th International Conference on Pattern Recognition to be hosted in Hong Kong in 2004. On behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China, I would like to express our full support for Hong Kong to host this conference.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is committed to making Hong Kong a leading digital city in the globally connected world of the 21st century. We are determined to keep ourselves in the forefront of world information technology development in order to maintain our competitiveness as a leading international financial and business centre in the Asia-Pacific Region and to drive our future economic expansion. We have promulgated a "Digital 21" Information Technology (IT) Strategy to implement our IT vision. We consider that Hong Kong is an ideal place for the conference, which provides a forum for international exchange in the fields of computer vision, pattern recognition, image processing and robotics, to be held. Bringing the conference to Hong Kong will also help the participants gain a better understanding of the latest IT development in the Asia-Pacific Region.

We will also be proud to present to the participants our flagship IT project, i.e. the Cyberport, which we are now building near the University of Hong Kong. The Cyberport will be fully completed by end 2003 to provide a world-class living and working environment to create a new international IT centre. There will be modern intelligent offices, many sophisticated IT facilities and a world class cyber entertainment and retail centre. I am sure the participants of the ICPR will be impressed by the unique design and architecture of the Cyberport.

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buildings and they will find it thought provoking to meet the IT professionals working in the Cyberport. There will be about 150 companies in the Cyberport, and a number of multinational corporations such as IBM, Microsoft, Cisco, Hewlett Packard and Oracle, etc have already signed letters of intent to become anchor tenants.

Apart from focusing on our IT development, you will also find Hong Kong as a city that is dynamic, exciting and unique. It is cosmopolitan, modern and convenient. We have some of the finest convention and exhibition facilities in the world, as well as excellent telecommunications and infrastructure facilities, including the Hong Kong International Airport. Our quality of service is world renowned. Coupled with the beauty and vitality of our city and hospitality of our people, I am sure that hosting the 17th ICPR conference in Hong Kong will make the stay of the delegates most memorable and enjoyable.

Hong Kong runs a liberal visa regime whereby nationals of more than 170 countries can visit visa free for periods ranging from seven days to six months. Conveniently located in the Asia-Pacific Region, Hong Kong is served by more than 65 international airlines.

I sincerely hope that the Governing Board will consider Hong Kong favourably as the venue for the 17th International Conference on Pattern Recognition in 2004. Finally, let me also take this opportunity to wish the organising of the conference every success.

With warmest regards,

TUNG Chee Hwa