# Welcome Message from the Conference Chair

On behalf of the ICDAR2005 organizing committee, I am honored and delighted to welcome you to the 8th International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition at Olympic Parktel, Seoul, Korea. I believe we have chosen a venue that guarantees a successful technical conference amid the culture and scenery of Seoul.

Our technical program is rich and varied with 1 keynote speech and 4 invited talks and around 240 technical papers split between 3 parallel oral sessions and 3 poster sessions each day. Besides, there are 4 workshops and a tutorial program co-located. We also expect to provide technical demonstrations, and numerous opportunities for informal networking.

As a conference chair of ICDAR2005, I know that the success of the conference depends ultimately on the many people who have worked with us in planning and organizing both the technical program and supporting social arrangements. In particular, we thank the Program Chairs for their wise advice and brilliant suggestion on organizing the technical program; the Program Committee for their thorough and timely reviewing of the papers, and our sponsors who have helped us to keep down the costs of ICDAR2005 for all participants. Recognition should go to the Local Organizing Committee members who have all worked extremely hard for the details of important aspects of the conference programs and social activities.

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