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OCEANS'18 MTS/IEEE KOBE
TECHNO-OCEAN 2018

WELCOME to

OCEANS'18 MTS/IEEE Kobe / Techno-Ocean 2018!

In 2018, we will be holding the OCEANS and Techno-Ocean meetings together as a joint convention in Kobe for the first time in ten years.

In Japan, recent years have witnessed a dramatic increase in public attention towards marine-related science and technology, and our marine industries. We are therefore delighted to be able to plan the hosting of OCEANS'18 MTS/IEEE Kobe / Techno-Ocean 2018 (OTO'18) in such a progressive environment. The theme for OTO'18 has been provisionally set under the wording "Ocean Planet – It's our home." The oceans, which cover 70% of the earth's surface, provide us with a wide variety of gifts including natural resources and energy, and we would like to use the convention to reconsider issues such as natural disasters and environmental concerns from the standpoint of the oceans. We also hope that by holding OTO'18 we will gain new opportunities to reconsider the importance of constructing and coordinating an international network under the changing international circumstances of present-times.

The Kobe Convention Center, which will be the venue for OTO'18, is conveniently located on Port Island, about 10 minutes from downtown Kobe – one of Japan's foremost tourist destinations. It connects to downtown via an efficient 'Port Liner' rail transit system and includes the International Conference Center, International Exhibition Halls, hotels and other key facilities.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2018 at the OTO'18 venue.

Sincerely,

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General Co-Chair