FOREWORD

Special Section on Enriched Multimedia — Multimedia Security and Forensics —

Many people are now posting their photos and videos on social networking services. As cameras and devices become more sophisticated, there is a problem of unknowingly leaking personal information from the posted photos and videos. Therefore, it is important to develop technologies to protect those kinds of information. The problem is just one example of multimedia security and forensics. This special section will provide valuable papers of high-quality researches in the field of protection, creation, enrichment and measurement of multimedia contents including watermarking, information hiding, security and forensics. The editorial committee of this special section was based on the Enriched Multimedia (EMM) Technical Group of IEICE, which was established in 2011, aiming to promote the research works related to the topics stated above.

The editorial committee received a total of ten submissions including two invited papers. After a thorough and careful review process, the editorial committee has finally selected six papers including one letter paper.

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