FOREWORD

Special Section on Foundations of Computer Science — New Trends of Theory of Computation and Algorithm —

We are happy to be able to publish the 18th Special Selection of Foundations of Computer Science. This selection aims to review and promote recent progress in the field of foundations of computer science. This year we received 15 submissions from Japan and other Asian countries. Those submissions cover various topics in the field of foundation of computer science. After careful and strict review process, 4 papers and 2 letters were accepted for publication. We would like to thank all the authors for submitting their research work. We deeply appreciate the anonymous reviewers for their voluntary work. Finally, as the Guest Editor-in-Chief, I would like to express my great thanks to the Guest Associate Editor-in-Chiefs and the Guest Associate Editors for their support and hard work.

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