

Message by Chief Editor A/P Chia Liang-Tien, Clement



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In our changing economy, the challenge continually facing the IT standards community is how to transmit the value of standards and enable our industry to use standards to enhance their market competitiveness.

ICT standards is more than just a published document that contains a technical specification; it is about sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices of interested parties (e.g. producers, sellers and users); it is about enabling the free movement of goods and services; it is about making the adoption of technologies simpler; it is about interoperability of systems; it is about increasing business value... and the list goes on. The Synthesis Journal is the IT Standards Committee's (ITSC) way of socialising with the industry on ICT standards.

As in previous years, this year's issue of the Synthesis Journal provides a kaleidoscopic view of a range of technologies and standards, their uses and implementation issues. I hope readers of the Journal will not only find the articles enjoyable but will walk away with information on the ICT standards to come and a better understanding of the value of standardisation.

This seventh edition of the Synthesis Journal is a combined collection of articles from the private, public, academia and research sector to form a complete whole. The collection of articles is only possible when they are penned by their respective authors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their contribution and the TC Chairmen for their help in the review process. Thank You!

In conclusion, I would like to say an extra big "Thank You" to the ITSC Chairman and the ITSC Secretariat for their dedication and untiring efforts to see the seventh edition finally out in print.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clement', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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