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On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, I am delighted to welcome you to the ***International Conference on Engineering Research and Practice for Steel Construction 2018*** in Hong Kong. In the next three days, the Conference will become a technical platform for effective exchange on modern steel construction technology among all delegates, researchers and engineers. A total of 10 world renowned researchers and engineers will present their recent research works and construction projects during their keynote lectures. Moreover, a total of 20 sessions including 13 special sessions with over 100 technical papers will be presented by delegates from 15 countries.

The success of this Conference depends very much on many people who have worked with us in planning and organising the technical programme, in particular, keynote lectures and special sessions. Let us thank all those who have rendered support to this Conference.

With the unfailing support from many senior researchers and engineers in the international research community of structural engineering and steel construction, I wish all the delegates an insightful experience in the next three days that will enlighten you in the pursuit of research excellence in the years ahead. I also very much hope that all of us will continue to excel and contribute to the well-beings of our society.

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