International Symposium on Asian Speech Resources

In commemoration of the 10 years' continued activities of Oriental COCOSDA

The purpose of Oriental COCOSDA is to exchange ideas, to share information and to discuss regional matters on creation, utilization, dissemination of spoken language corpora of oriental languages and also on the assessment methods of speech recognition/synthesis systems as well as to promote speech research on oriental languages. After the preparatory meeting held in Hong Kong in 1997, a series of annual international workshops has been held in Japan, Taiwan, China, Korea, Thailand, Singapore, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam. The Oriental COCOSDA 2008 conference, scheduled to take place in Kyoto, Japan on 25-27 Nov. 2008, highlights the first decade of sustained activities of Oriental COCOSDA by bringing the research community back to Japan where the first meeting was held in 1998.

The current symposium, scheduled right after Oriental COCOSDA 2008 to address the Japanese research community, is also organized to commemorate 10 years of sustained activities of Oriental COCOSDA. The objective of the symposium is to introduce recent activities on language resources in Asia and to find a better way of mutual collaboration. Seven researchers from the Oriental COCOSDA community are invited to talk at the symposium. They come from various countries in Asia and have worked on and with language resources with different languages.

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Venue:	National Institute of Informatics (NII), Meeting Room (12F)
	2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (http://www.nii.ac.jp/introduce/access1.shtml)
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Moderator: Prof. S. Itahashi (National Institute of Informatics (NII)/AIST, Japan)

- 10:45-11:00 Opening address
 - Prof. Y. Tohkura (Deputy Director, National Institute of Informatics (NII), Japan)
- 11:00-11:30 Speech and language resources and technologies of some Indian languages
 - Dr. S. S. Agrawal (CDAC, Noida and KIIT Institutions, Gurgaon, India)
- 11:30-12:00Recent activities of Chinese Corpus Consortium (CCC)Prof. T. Fang Zheng (Tsinghua University, China)
- 13:30-14:00 Speech Resources in Thai

Dr. Chai Wutiwiwatchai (National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), Thailand)

- 14:00-14:30 Recent activities of Speech Information Technology and Industry Promotion Center (SITEC) in Korea Prof. Y-J Lee (Wonkwang University/SITEC, Korea)
- 14:30-15:00Speech and language resources of Indonesian languagesDr. Hammam Riza (Agency for Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT), Indonesia)
- 15:30-16:00 Some recent developments of speech resources for VietnameseDr. Vu Tat Thang, Dr. Luong Chi Mai (Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology (VAST), Vietnam)
- 16:00-16:30 Speech and language resources at NICT/ATR

Dr. S. Nakamura (National Institute of Communications Technology (NICT)/ATR-SLC, Japan)

16:30-16:45 Closing address

Dr. C-Y Tseng (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)