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### Special Section on Papers Selected from 2004 International Technical Conference on Circuits/Systems, Computers and Communications (ITC-CSCC 2004)

The 19th International Technical Conference on Circuits/Systems, Computers and Communications was successfully held at Matsushima, Sendai, Japan, on July 6–8, 2004. The excellent chairmanship of Professor Masayuki Kawamata, General Chair, and his executive committee attracted 387 paper presentations and 466 attendees from 14 countries.

The editorial committee solicited paper submissions from attendees who presented papers at the conference. In response to the call for papers, 77 papers were submitted, among which 14 papers and 9 letters were accepted for publication in this special section through the regular review process.

As the guest editor of this special section, I would like to thank all authors for their submission and reviewers for their prompt and careful review. Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to Professors Shigenobu Sasaki and Masahide Abe for their excellent secretarial work and to the following editorial committee members for their kind cooperation.

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