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This special issue was selected from the submitted 122 papers deriving from *The Sixth International Symposium on Management Engineering (ISME2009)* which was held on August 5-7, 2009 in Dalian, China. It was the first time that we had the symposium at the School of Management, Dalian University of Technology in China.

Dalian is an international city known for information technology (software outsourcing especially), shipbuilding industry and equipment manufacturing. Dalian is also a beautiful coastal city famous for beautiful sightseeing. ISME is promoting researches on the management engineering. The management engineering is renamed from “Industrial Engineering” where the strength is placed on management as well as production in industrial engineering fields. In recent years, researches on logistics, services, supply chain and knowledge management have become prosperous. In addition, new applications of mobile business derived from e-Commerce are developing fast and widely. New concepts and theories coming from what have been mentioned above have promoted ubiquitous communication and collaboration.

This special issue selected the 22 papers out of all the 122 accepted and presented papers through the careful review process. However, because of the selection of most appreciated papers, the range of selected papers is a little bit beyond management engineering. In the selection, we placed the stress on the special issue including the highly evaluated results. Under consideration of the careful review process for ISME2009, these selected papers have passed through the really severe review. We hope this special issue provides the present state of ISME2009.

At last, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the reviewers of the symposium and this special issue, who spent their precious time on the earnest review.