

# Preface

The 8th International Conference on Traffic and Logistic Engineering (ICTLE 2020) was scheduled to be convened in Shenzhen, China on Aug. 28-30, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the imposed restrictions on travel, the organizing committee had to make a tough decision and convert ICTLE 2020 into a fully virtual conference for the safety and well-being of all participants. Thanks to today's remarkable communication technology, this new venue provided an alternative and effective way for all participants to come together in a virtual environment to share the research findings, exchange ideas, and connect with one another.

Around the world, there is rapidly increasing concern about the impacts of transport on global warming and climate change, as well as the social costs of accidents. ICTLE 2020 provided a great opportunity for discussions of methods, technologies, systems, and practices in the different areas of traffic and logistic engineering from different places around the world, for mitigating the adverse effects of transport, while assisting economic development. ICTLE 2020 enabled all participants from different countries to exchange ideas with other researchers and develop connections that cultivate and promote international collaborations for solving traffic and logistical problems.

The Technical Program Committee of ICTLE assembled an excellent program that included presentations from three Keynote Speakers: Prof. Felix T. S. Chan (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China), Prof. Sherif Ishak (Old Dominion University, USA), and Prof. Pak Kin WONG (University of Macau, Macau). The program included 25 papers, which were accepted for presentation and publication in the ICTLE conference proceedings, after a rigorous review of 42 papers originally submitted for presentation and publication.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I wish to express deep appreciation to all participants including all speakers and authors of the papers selected for presentation and publication. Special thanks go to the paper reviewers and the members of the organizing committee and technical program committee for their contribution and commitment to this successful event that brought the research community together despite the challenges we face today. I wish everyone best of luck in their research endeavors and career pursuits. I hope you stay safe and well as the entire world navigates such uncharted territory and I look forward to seeing many of you in person at the next ICTLE 2021.

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