
Editorial

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Biographical note: David C. Chou is a Professor of Computer Information Systems at the Eastern Michigan University. He received his BC from the Feng-Chia University, an MS from the National Taiwan University and an MS and a PhD from the Georgia State University. He has published more than 170 papers in the fields of information systems. He served as the President of the Southwest Decision Sciences Institute in 2007–2008 and also the Editor-in-Chief for the *Int. J. Information Systems and Change Management (IJISCM)* and the *Int. J. Management Theory and Practice (IJMTP)*. Currently, he serves as an editorial board member for five academic journals.

Int. J. Information Systems and Change Management (IJISCM) continues to publish its Volume 3, Number 1 issue. The objectives of *IJISCM* are to promote the research and practice of the fields of Information Systems (IS) and change management. This journal aims to establish an effective channel of communications amongst educators, IS workers, managers, and industry practitioners to contribute, disseminate and learn from each others. We welcome your continuous support, communication, and submission to this journal.

The first issue of the Volume three collects five high quality articles. Topics in this issue are: ‘The role of leadership decision styles on the use and effectiveness of information systems’, ‘E-commerce security threats: awareness, trust, and practice’, ‘ICT Development in Tanzania: A Case Study of Innovation Processes’, ‘Improvement of component selection process using genetic algorithm for Component-Based Software Development (CBSD)’ and ‘The review of the website evaluation framework in IS and marketing journals’.

The first article tackles a conventional issue about decision making effectiveness through the use of information technology. Makoto Nakayama and Norma G. Sutcliffe (both from the DePaul University, USA) analyses the patterns of group dynamics among leader and members while the use of information technology is enacted. In addition, the relationships between information flows and leadership style are also examined.

E-commerce security is an important topic in IS research. The second article is co-authored by Jim Q. Chen, Mark B. Schmidt, Dien Phan (all from the St Cloud State University, USA) and Kirk P. Arnett (Mississippi State University, USA). They investigate the relationships among awareness of security threats, security trust, frequency of e-commerce activities and security practices. Their empirical results show that security awareness level is positively correlated to security practices.

The third article conducts a case study to identify the main processes that have contributed to the success of the Kinondoni Information and Communication Technology (ICT) project. The work of Nic Moens, Jacqueline Broerse, Joske Bunders (all from the Vrije University, Amsterdam) and Felix Janszen (Erasmus University and Wageningen

Agricultural University, the Netherlands) contributes the understanding of the factors that are critical to the successful development and implementation of ICT in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The fourth article targets at area of CBSD method. CBSD can potentially be used to reduce software development time and to bring the system to markets as early as possible. K. Vijayalakshmi (Dr Mahalingam College of Engineering and Technology, India), N. Ramaraj (GKM College of Engineering and Technology, India) and R. Amuthakkannan (Coimbatore Institute of Technology, India) uses genetic algorithm method to select nearly best combination of software components for software development projects.

Website evaluation is critical for web development and marketing research. The last article conducts a study to discover research direction in website evaluation field. Wen-Chih Chiou (National Chin-Yi Institute of Technology, Taiwan), Chyuan Perng, Jeng-Teng Tsai and Chin-Chao Lin (Tunghai University, Taiwan) selected 139 articles from 21 leading journals to identify their implications of website evaluation methods. They found that the trend in website evaluation research has shifted from the IS-oriented approach into the field-combined approach during the past decade.

The author hopes these five articles would continuously adjoin their values and contributions to the areas of IS and change management. The author would encourage the readers to continue to develop new applications and theories in these fields. The *IJSCM* will continue to serve as an important forum for the exchange of innovative ideas.