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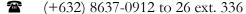
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about innovatus

Innovatus: A Journal on Computing Technology Innovations is the official research journal of the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), Department of Information Science and Technology. 'Innovatus' is the past participle of the Latin word 'innovare' or innovate. The research journal is a compilation of double-blind peer-reviewed research articles from the Yearly International Research Conference on Emerging Information Technology Trends in Asia and the Pacific. The journal accepts original scholarly works in the areas of Information Technology, Computer Science, Information System, Computer Engineering, and allied disciplines.

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from the guest-editor

As part of my work with a government agency, I had to conduct consultations with various stakeholders to get input from them regarding the R&D agenda for the transport sector in the next 5 years. I interviewed more than 50 stakeholders, representing various organizations from the government, academia, and the industry. One of the major R&D themes that emerged is the sector's transformation through digital technologies.

I inquired with the Editor-in-Chief of Innovatus if we could issue a call for perspective papers that would further elaborate and refine the agenda. Since the scope of the journal concerns, broadly, the applications of information technologies, we thought that the theme of the digital transformation of the transport sector is relevant to the journal. A Call for Perspectives Papers was issued in July 2022, inviting stakeholders to submit short viewpoints articles related to the theme of "digital transformation of the transport sector". Perspective papers, and not full-length articles, are deemed more appropriate since we want contributions that present forward-looking viewpoints on desirable directions and potential developments in the field. Submitted papers must go through a rigorous peer review process with a minimum of two reviewers.

We present in this Special Issue six articles co-authored by a broad range of stakeholders. Two papers present unique perspectives and proposed initiatives for the development of intelligent transport solutions (ITS) for road-based public transport systems. Three articles tackle the need for the digital transformation of the maritime transport sector. One article introduces a case for the use of digital technologies for marine plastic litter pollution monitoring.

We thank the authors for their contributions. We hope that readers will enjoy reading these viewpoints papers and be able to find inspiration for their own research and for pushing further the boundaries of the field.

Varsolo C. Sunio, PhD Guest Editor November 26, 2022



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from the editor-in-chief

'Innovatus: A Journal on Computing Technology Innovations.'

From this simple name embodies the very essence of my vision for this journal. The genesis of all great innovations is *Ideation*. There are many research publications that focus on actual research and development. For this edition, we wanted to be able to start the research conversation through the perspectives and concepts of many experts in the digital transformation of the transportation sector. The papers you will see in this issue, then, are concepts and expert opinion articles that will hopefully help raise awareness on the issues besetting this sector and spearhead more research efforts in those areas.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Dr. Sunio for his tireless work on this issue. Without him, none of this would have been possible.

Giuseppe C. Ng Editor-in-Chief

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