
Congratulatory Remarks

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I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 18th International Conference on Crisis and Emergency Management.

I sincerely respect the foresight of Dr. Li, Dr. Chen and colleagues who had founded ICCEM. I sincerely respect the foresight of Dr. Lee, Dr. Chen, and their colleagues who founded ICCEM.

Risk management has a long and storied history, dating back to around the 14th century, when medieval merchants began to consider profit, loss and investment. However, the formal study of risk management did not commence in earnest until the mid-20th century, with substantial research on risk analysis beginning in the 1980s. The first ICCEM was held in 2007, marking a significant milestone in this field. Prior to this the first international conference on risk management was the Risk management Society's Annual Conference and Exhibition, founded in 1994, followed by the First World Congress on Risk Management and Research was held in 1997.

Since its inception in 2007, ICCEM has been at the forefront of cutting-edge research in risk management. We sincerely admire the pioneering establishment of this society and are proud to be a part of it.

Today, thousands of studies are being conducted globally. In the 21st century, with the exacerbating effects of climate change and increasing fragmentation and disparity among various sectors of society, natural threats and social conflicts have become more prevalent. Consequently, the demand for comprehensive risk management research has never been greater.

As one of the pioneering crisis and risk management research groups, we are committed to our membership in ICCEM and to our mission of contributing to the advancement and deepening of research in this critical field.

I have great expectations for all of you who will continue to lead the development of ICCEM and spearhead research in crisis and risk management.

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