Preface by the General Chairs

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- It's our great pleasure to welcome you to the 8th CCF International Conference on Natural Language Processing and Chinese Computing (NLPCC).
- NLPCC-2019 will be held between Oct 9 and Oct 14, in Dunhuang, a beautiful city with a rich history as a frontier garrison on the Silk Road.
- NLPCC's history isn't a rich or as extensive as Dunhuang's,
  - but nevertheless, NLPCC is becoming more influential,
  - both nationally as well as internationally.
- NLPCC-2019 is the 8th NLPCC conference.
  - These conferences have established their own unique traditions including
    - content-rich ADL/tutorials, challenging shared tasks, diverse industrial participations, and more.
  - This year the conference received more submissions than ever before.
  - The accepted papers are of exceptionally high quality.
  - We have no doubt that NLPCC-2019 will extend the already-rich tradition of NLPCC conferences.

Thanks!

- As the general conference chairs,
  - we would like to thank program chairs
    - Min-Yan Kan and Jie Tang for their contributions to the program,
      - especially organizing the review process and inviting keynote speakers.
    - Special thanks are due to the local organizing chairs,
      - Dongyan Zhao, Hongzhi Yu and Zhijun Sun
      - for their tremendous efforts dealing with all the expected and unexpected conditions in the organizing process.

More thanks!!

- We also want to thank the following chairs for all their hard work:
  - the student workshop chairs,
    - Yue Zhang and Jiajun Zhang,
  - the ADL/tutorial chairs,
    - Xiaojun Wan, Qi Zhang and Hua Wu,

- the evaluation chairs,
  - Weiwei Sun and Nan Duan,
- the sponsorship chairs,
  - Ming Zhou and Tiejun Zhao,
- the publicity chairs,
  - Ruifeng Xu and Wanxiang Che
- the publication chairs,
  - Sujian Li and Hongying Zan,
- and the local organizing chairs,
  - Dongyan Zhao, Hongzhi Yu and Zhijun Sun