## **Welcome Message**

The inaugural International Conference on Press-in Engineering ICPE was held in Kochi, Japan in September 2018. Owing the COVID19, the second ICPE was held online in 2021. Press-in Engineering was invented in Japan and is now commonly used in various types of projects in Japan. In Asia, Singapore has the most press-in machines after Japan. It is thus timely that the Third ICPE is held at the National University of Singapore (NUS) from 3 to 5 July 2024. On behalf of IPA and NUS, I warmly welcome all the delegates attending ICPE2024 in Singapore.

Professor Ken Gavin from the Delft University of Technology will deliver his keynote lecture on the latest press-in engineering works in the Netherlands. Recently Netherlands has become a very active country in deploying press-in engineering to protect its canals and rivers as well as its shoreline encompassing low lying areas of the country. Professor SY Yamaguchi of United Nations University will deliver her keynote lecture on sustainability which is the theme of ICPE2024. In addition, theme lectures will be delivered by three highly experienced engineers, Dr TL Goh, Mr David Liaw and Mr T Nozaki on the progress and development of press-in engineering works in Singapore and Southeast Asia, use of gyro-piling for installation of tubular/sheet piles in hard ground, and the potential applications of press-in engineering for coastal protection works, respectively. There will also be five experienced professors/engineers to share their knowledge on the use and potential applications of press-in engineering works in Southeast Asia countries. The organizing committee is pleased on announce that that the conference has received over 60 technical papers.

ICPE2024 is very pleased with the overwhelming strong support from the sponsors. This enables the conference registration fee to be as low as possible and providing greatly reduced registration fee to young persons under 36 year old and full time students. The platinum and gold sponsors will exhibit their know-how at the conference. Finally, I sincerely wish all the conference delegates to have a fruitful interaction with fellow delegates and all the overseas delegates an enjoyable stay in Singapore.

Best regards,

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