**Background**

The quality of software has an important bearing on the financial and safety aspects in our daily lives. Unfortunately, software systems often fail to deliver according to promises. It is well known that there are still unresolved errors in many of the software systems that we are using every day. The Asia-Pacific region is far from being immune to these problems. The prime objective of the conference is to provide a forum to bring together researchers and practitioners from this region to address this issue seriously.

**Call for Papers**

We are soliciting full-length research papers and experience reports on various aspects of software testing or quality assurance. Specific topics include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Automated software testing
- Configuration management and version control
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- Application areas such as e-commerce, component-based systems, digital libraries, distributed systems, embedded systems, enterprise applications, information systems, Internet, mobile applications, multimedia, and Web-based systems

The conference proceedings will be published by IEEE Computer Society Press, Los Alamitos, California. Selected papers of the conference may be published in a Special Issue on Quality Software of the *International Journal of Software Engineering and Knowledge Engineering*.

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