Editorial Preface to the Special Issue on Ubiquitous Computing Systems V

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Ubiquitous computing is research area aimed to enrich our daily lives and social activities using information technologies, and interdisciplinary area combined with I/O devices, sensing, networking, middleware, human-interface, etc. Psychology and sociology are also important parts since ubiquitous computing systems should be used and evaluated in the context of human/social activities.

The papers submitted to the special issue cover various directions, and show common issues such as integration and scaling-up of multiple technologies; project management from problem finding to problem solving; and ongoing evaluation of proposed systems embedded in the real world.

The issue has accepted 13 papers out of 19 submissions. The accepted papers cover wide area of ubiquitous computing technologies such as sensor networking, mobile sensing using smartphones, information recommendation, and application development in real fields such as disaster countermeasures, nursing care.

We have a succeeding issue on ubiquitous computing systems (submission due: December 9th, 2016). You can find the call for papers at <http://www.ipsj.or.jp/english/jip/cfp/17-W.html>.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their excellent work on reviewing. Without their affectionate and devoted work between authors and reviewers, such high acceptance rate as 68% was not realized. I'm greatly proud of the committee members.

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