

## Preface

We feel highly honored that we can hold the 16th Conference of Pan-Pacific Association of Applied Linguistics in Chinese University of Hong Kong. Our Conference in 2011 is jointly organized by Centre for Enhancing English Learning and Teaching at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Educational Research Association. We are very grateful to Professor Joseph Hung, Professor Barley Mak and Ms Mandy Hui, The Chinese University of Hong Kong who have made every possible effort in dealing with various practical local issues to make this conference successful and memorable. I am sure that you feel welcomed by their hospitality.

The theme of the conference is 'Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching: Asia-Pacific Perspective' which can cover any controversial topics in our profession. We have received more than 140 papers. We had a screening meeting on the 14th of May. The acceptance notifications were immediately sent by Dr Yusuke Kondo, Waseda University. This year, the length of Proceeding papers was double-columned 4-8 pages, which stands for 8-12 pages in the standard format. The deadline for the Proceeding papers was on the 30th of June. Dr Kondo has set up the Website and edited the Proceeding papers in July. This year, we decided to print the conference program alone and the proceeding papers will be distributed in the digital format on the registration desk.

It is our great honor to receive Professor Anthony Green, University of Bedfordshire, Professor Yan Jin, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Professor Christian M. I. M. Mathiessen, The Hong Kong Polytechnique University as the Keynote speakers for this conference. Professor Green is a well known researcher in Wash- back effects and Performance Testing based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Professor Yan Jin is a leading scholar on Testing in China. Professor Mathiessen is a successor of M. A. K. Halliday, systemic grammar and genre analysis. Although their research achievements are outstanding and too busy to spend time with us, they are kind enough to share their recent research findings with us.

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Finally, as a convention chair, we would like to thank our organizing committee members:

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