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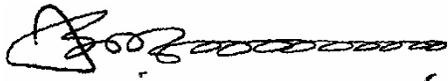
FORWARD

Writing a forward for the RTC 2011 Proceedings is indeed a pleasure. Followed by the first successful event 'National Tribology Conference 2009' was held in University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, the society has taken a committed step further for a 'Regional Tribology Conference' (RTC 2011) as a result of the current needs and challenges in the field of tribology.

We have received more than 75 abstracts and the Technical Committee selected 65 papers out of all submitted abstracts, with seven main streams or themes such as friction and lubrication, surface engineering and machining, materials for tribology, bearing technology, engineering wear and tribocorrosion, tribology in manufacturing and bio- and nanotribology. This shows that tribology is indeed an important engineering discipline and field. This proceeding contains good quality papers contributed by the researchers from both local and overseas universities/organizations/institutions.

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