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## Foreword

This project started in July 2010 when Anil Chandy and Sandra Fabiani from Springer approached me to take on the editorship of a handbook series on manufacturing engineering. The initial thought that came to me was a colossal task involving hundreds of people and taking tens of years to complete. The decision of the topics to be included is equally daunting. We met a couple of times in person and over the Internet to size up the scope and contact a number of potential volume editors. After many attempts and sounding out prominent authors, I managed to convince three section editors to take on this task, which was still a long way from the 12 section editors planned. In May 2011, I approached the Executive Director of SIMTech, Dr Lim Ser Yong, for his help and a joint presentation together with Anil and Sandra was made to his research group leaders on the significance of such a project. He gracefully agreed. Much to our joy, five section editors agreed and were appointed in 2012, followed by another two editors in 2013. The last two overseas editors joined in mid-2013. In April 2014, we finally saw the project through to completion and the handbook is ready to roll out, even though it has been a lengthy journey!



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## Preface

Innovation and manufacturing capabilities are well known to be the wealth creator of any nation which has strong advanced manufacturing technologies for making high-value-added products and is able to compete globally.

Manufacturing is evolving continuously, engulfing more technologies than several decades ago. The rapid development of Internet technology, computer science, materials research, microelectronics, and biosciences has propelled manufacturing activities far beyond mere product fabrication. Manufacturing technology has now entered into the realm of intelligent product creation, and yet at affordable prices, and is highly compatible with environmental concerns.

Manufacturing knowledge has been created by both the academia and industry, but unfortunately a great deal of information is scattered over a myriad of published papers, reports, and books – some are publicly available, while others remain proprietary information and are well guarded by the organizations which created them.

The *raison d'être* of the *Handbook of Manufacturing Engineering and Technology* is to gather the fundamental and evolving technologies in manufacturing engineering from many experts and practitioners in an attempt to cover as many fields as possible in common manufacturing activities. The collated materials will be updated frequently to capture the latest developments. The six volumes of the handbook cover the following topics:

Volume 1 – Forming and Joining

- Materials Forming: Forming of Polymer and Composite Materials
- Metal Forming
- Materials Joining

Volume 2 – Machining and Tolerancing Systems

- Machining
- Tolerancing Systems

Volume 3 – Nanomanufacturing and Non-traditional Machining

- Nanomanufacturing Using Ion Beam Technology
- Non-traditional Machining Processes

Volume 4 – Robotics and Automation

Volume 5 – Additive Manufacturing and Surface Technology

- Additive Manufacturing: Rapid Prototyping, Tooling, and Manufacturing
- Surface Technology



Volume 6 – Product Life Cycle and Manufacturing Simulation

- Product Life Cycle and Green Manufacturing
- Manufacturing Simulation and Optimization

It is hoped that these volumes provide useful assistance for both academia and industry with regard to the needed reference and basic knowledge of each process. What is more important is that the knowledge will be updated continuously to keep abreast with the state-of-the-art developments in the world of manufacturing research and practice.

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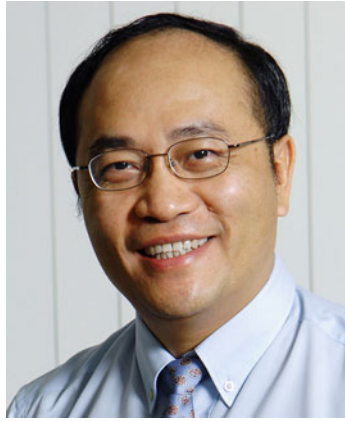


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