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## FOREWORD

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### Special Section on Information and Communication Technologies for Safe and Secure Life

ICT has become indispensable in our society to realize a safe and secure life. Focusing on disasters, the introduction of ICT for disaster information processing has been promoted since the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995, and the collaboration between human behavior and ICT has been emphasized after the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. The Engineering Science Society in IEICE started the current ICTSSL (Information and Communication Technology for Safe and Secure Life) activities in 2016 as a permanent research committee. This special section aims to contribute to the further development of the research field by reviewing the latest trends and research results on ICT technologies and applications that support our safe and secure life.

This special section includes one full paper and one letter paper, which cover topics in traffic monitoring, sensor network, and sound-based security system. These papers were selected from eleven submissions with careful reviews by experts. We have one invited paper for this special issue. The paper titled as “A User Allocation Method for DASH Multi-Servers Considering Coalition Structure Generation in Cooperative Game” is written by Prof. Sumiko Miyata and Prof. Ryoichi Shinkuma, who are promoting the project of information network infrastructure for City as a Service (CaaS). This paper’s research target is live streaming communication protocols, and it will serve as a reference for many researchers and engineers.

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