FOREWORD

Special Section on Enriched Multimedia — Multimedia Technologies Enhancing User Experience —

People are enjoying posting images and videos on social networking services (SNS) such as Twitter and TikTok, and also enjoying voice interaction in online salons such as Clubhouse. Now, we can't imagine our life without SNS. Therefore, it is necessary to make the user experience more secure and safe. Hence, it is important for engineers to develop the multimedia technologies for this purpose. This special section will provide valuable papers of high-quality researches in the field of protection, creation, enrichment and measurement of multimedia contents. The subject includes technologies for watermarking, information hiding, security and forensics. The editorial committee of this special section was based on the Enriched Multimedia (EMM) Technical Group of IEICE, founded in 2011, aiming to promote the research works related to the topics stated above.

The editorial committee received a total of seven submissions including one invited paper. After a thorough and careful review process, the editorial committee has finally selected four papers.

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