Welcome to the Second Edition of iSChannel

Last year we had an abstract idea take shape into a laudable student journal, it was produced and edited by none other than the students of the Department of Information Systems. This year we renew the vision set by our predecessors. While the first edition of the iSChannel was our benchmark, with our second edition we hope to provide a journal of superior quality that showcases the plethora of academic work and opinions from the LSE students.

It comes as no surprise that this journal is the outcome of hours of handwork. The board of editors worked consistently with the reviewers and faculty editor who despite busy schedules always contributed their time and effort. We especially would like to thank our reviewer Charles Abdul Wahab for his commendable enthusiasm and support during the reviewing process. There have been trying times when feelings of camaraderie have transformed into feelings of chaos but now we take great pride in presenting to you the second edition of the iSChannel.

The second edition of the journal encompasses an interesting collection of student academic work ranging from traditional topics to the more recent issues in the limelight such as biometrics. We start our edition with an article by Claribelle Guangco, who discusses the issue of the gap between Information Systems research and practice. A piece by Mohammad Wasif Ali uses a risk categorization framework to identify the causes of IT project escalation. Ganni Tulusan evaluates various models and theories within the healthcare sector. The next two articles explore Information Systems Development: Gurpal Sohal covers user involvement in systems development while Werner Keplinger draws attention towards agility in Information Systems.

Articles on e-government by Jakob Hesse and on Civil Society organizations by Holly Peterson focus on the popular arena of Information Systems within the public sector. We conclude our publication with the opinion section. Divya Titus in her article about biometrics poses a question of whether this ground breaking technology is affecting humankind's basic right to privacy. On an unusual note we have an opinion piece by Hokwon Song who sheds light on the growing influence of technology on modern churches.

Once again we would like to thank everyone who helped us produce the second edition and we hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed working on it!

The Editorial Board