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Foreword I

I have known Prof. Zhang and his work for more than 10 years and as a collaborator on a recent project focusing on the future Internet. I am writing to provide my highest recommendation for publishing his proposed book on this subject at your esteemed press.

Professor Zhang is a highly innovative and persevering as well as respected scientist in Chinese academia. He has submerged himself in research on information networks for the past several decades. During that period, he spearheaded many national-level research projects sponsored by National Basic Research Program of China, National High-tech R&D Program and National Natural Science Foundation of China. He has made many significant achievements and inventions and published over 100 papers and several academic writings on this subject. He has also received many awards and recognitions.

It is worth noting that in recent years Prof. Zhang proposed and prototyped a novel future Internet architecture, called the Smart Collaborative Identifier Network, which has many attractive features. The proposed book, Smart Collaborative Identifier Network, is an excellent culmination of his work, which includes Prof. Zhang's latest research findings. There are many new ideas, concepts, and technologies in this proposed book, which will attract the interest of both academia and industry, fostering further advancement of future Internet research.

In short, given the excellence of the author, the topic, and the content, I strongly support the publication of this monograph without any reservation.

Sincerely,
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Foreword II

Prof. Hongke Zhang requested a letter of recommendation from me to support publishing his new monograph at your world-renowned press. As his acquaintance, I am pleased to comply with his request.

Prof. Hongke Zhang has applied himself to research on the communication network for many years. He has written numerous famous academic writings, including Principle and Technology of IPv6 Routing Protocol Stack, Mobile Internet Technology, Principle and Technology of Routers and so on. All of his research findings have been widely accepted. In recent years, he has received strong state patronages for several national-level projects from the National Basic Research Program of China (“973 Program”), National High-tech R&D Program (“863 Program”) and National Natural Science Foundation of China. Certainly, he has obtained a series of significant academic achievements as well.

What distinguished him among his colleagues, I think, is his recent accomplishments in future Internet architecture, the Smart Collaborative Identifier Network, which theoretically solves the existing problems of the current Internet. Moreover, the feasibility and reliability of this novel Internet architecture has been demonstrated by the telecom industry. To spread these valuable ideas, Prof. Hongke Zhang has spent a lot of time and effort on writing this monograph. As far as I know, this book is the first one focusing on the future Internet architecture, mechanisms, and technologies. This book makes a detailed elaboration of the working principles, key technologies and prototype system of the Smart Collaborative Identifier Network. It also makes great contributions to promoting the development of the future Internet.

In summary, I have every reason to believe that this book will be an outstanding performance. I would greatly appreciate it if you give this book favorable consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly if more assistance is needed.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Sy-Yen Kuo, IEEE Fellow
Distinguished Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering
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Foreword III

I am very glad to write this reference letter in support of the publication of this monograph.

In recent years, the research on the future Internet architecture and mechanisms has become a most important topic in the area of the information network. As far as I know, there are many different proposals for the future Internet all over the world, such as CCN/NDN, DONA, PSIRP and so on. However, few monographs detailing the future Internet design can be found so far. This book, *Smart Collaborative Identifier Network—A Promising Design of Future Internet*, is the first great monograph especially about the future Internet. It introduces the clean-slate network architecture clearly, including the basic theories and advanced technologies. The Smart Collaborative Identifier Network has great potential to overcome the drawbacks of the current Internet and satisfy emerging demands of the future Internet.

The authors, Prof. Hongke Zhang and his team, have been devoted to the research on the future Internet for decades. Prof. Zhang has rich experience in the area of the future Internet. During the past decades, he has been the chief scientist for numerous national research projects, such as the “Basic Research on Theories of Smart and Cooperative Networks” founded by the National Basic Research Program of China (“973 Program”). He has also published several academic works concentrating on the technologies of the computer network, such as the *Principle and Technology of Routers*, *Mobile Internet Technology*, *Principle and Technology of the Ipv6 Routing Protocol Stack* and so on. This book is another great achievement of his recent research.

In a word, this book proposes a many new ideas, new concepts, and new technologies of the future Internet. In my opinion, this book has an important academic value and is also very significant for the deployment of the future Internet. I also hope that this book will make great contributions to the development of the future Internet.

Yours honestly,
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Preface

Over the past few decades, the Internet, as a huge success, has permeated almost every aspect of our daily life. However, with its fast growth and development, the current settings of the Internet exhibit various shortcomings, for instance, the security problems, the lack of support of flexible services, the inability to provide mobility and the insufficient support of manageability. These shortcomings are serious obstacles to the further development of the Internet. Therefore, the networking research community has engaged in an ongoing conversation about how to move the Internet forward.

Arguments about whether researchers should focus on improving today's Internet architecture or on designing new network architectures, which are unconstrained by the current system, always exist. Jennifer Rexford from Princeton University first gave his viewpoint that a "clean-slate design is important for enabling the networking field to mature into a true discipline, and to have a future Internet that is worthy of society's trust." We believe this could be proven eventually. Furthermore, although there have been many improvements on top of the current Internet architecture, few, if any, can comprehensively, effectively and sustainably solve the aforementioned problems.

More and more researchers have recently reported that problems about the Internet originate mostly from the limitations of its primary design. Many efforts have been made worldwide to investigate and develop the future Internet technologies and systems. Furthermore, the research community and the telecom industry have started to explore the new approaches to build the future Internet, such as Future Internet Network Design (FIND), Future Internet Architecture (FIA) in the USA; Future Internet Research and Experimentation (FIRE) and FIRE + in the European Union. Now, designing and building up the future Internet frame has become one of the most important and urgent topics in the research field of information networks. Thanks to these efforts, remarkable progress has been made for the future Internet. However, a general and ultimate solution for the future Internet has yet to be introduced.

This book examines the recent research on the future Internet all over the world and introduces a promising design for the future Internet named by *Smart*

Collaborative Identifier Network (SINET). SINET is intended to address the main issues and defects existing in the current Internet architecture. In this book, we present SINET's basic theories and principles, a broad range of architectures, protocols, standards and future research directions. Over the last decade, a variety of theoretical models and industrial applications have demonstrated that SINET is able to manage most of the problems of today's Internet. Through the comprehensive experiments and practical verification, SINET offers impressive flexibility, security, mobility, manageability and efficient resource utilization.

The book consists of 13 chapters in total. To give a clear and all-round introduction to the SINET, the chapters are further categorized into three parts. First, we introduce the Theory and Principle of SINET in Part I, which includes Chaps. 1–6. With knowledge of the basic principle, we detail many key technologies of SINET in Part II, which consists of Chaps. 7–10. Finally, some applications and developments are discussed and analyzed in Part III, comprising Chaps. 11–13.

To profit the audience the most, we expect the readers to have basic knowledge of the current Internet architecture and a brief understanding of how the current Internet works. This book can be used as a reference for researchers and practitioners interested in or working in the field of Internet design and the future Internet architecture. The contents are also suitable for both graduate students and senior undergraduate students in the fields of computer science, information science, computer networks and communication engineering. We hope that this book will serve as a valuable blueprint and contribute to the future Internet. We also hope to attract more researchers worldwide in this community to exchange ideas and to build a more effective and powerful Internet collaboratively.

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