Foreword

Technology, particularly IT in these days, acts as a great catalyst for economic development. On the other hand, new technologies and innovations do not make any sense unless an important percentage of individuals in a society benefit from them. We all believe that the knowledge society transformation process requires enormous effort and a vast amount of resources. Yet it is the only way to assure the existence of the magic word, sustainability. The editors, Dr. Karatas and Dr. Tunca give us an opportunity to get the whole picture of the influence of ICTs on sustainable economic development in this book. This edited book represents a unique contribution to the literature as the contributors from different countries deeply investigate a variety of highly interesting topics from different perspectives. I hope this book will serve as a useful reference for all those interested in sustainable economic development, and a better understanding of the influence of ICTs and knowledge society transformation process.

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