FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to present to you this year's Special Issue of the *Singapore Academy of Law Journal*. This volume, which is the second dedicated to the topic of technology law, is entitled "Artificial Intelligence and Data Governance". It is undeniable that artificial intelligence ("AI") is intertwined with many aspects of our daily lives. For example, when booking a taxi, we rely on AI to assign to us the nearest private hire driver who will take us to our desired destination. AI supports companies in making their processes more efficient, and also assists service providers in acquiring and making sense of their users' data.

It is this latter function which this Special Issue focuses on. How organisations acquire, store, and share our data is an especially pertinent topic and has been subject to increasing scrutiny.

The articles in this volume explore a wide range of topics relating to the governance of AI and data collection and use. These include, but are not limited to, the development of rules on the fair use of algorithms, how AI is used by social media platforms and web applications, and what human rights issues may be engaged by the use of AI. All of the articles explore current and engaging topics which are cross-disciplinary in scope.

We are most grateful to have Professor Mark Findlay as the Guest Editor for this Special Issue. Professor Findlay is Director of the Centre for AI and Data Governance ("CAIDG"), Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University. He is a thought leader in the field of AI and technology, and is renowned for his research on regulation and governance. Apart from being a prolific author, he also has considerable experience in advising international organisations such as the World Bank. Professor Findlay is ably assisted by his team from the CAIDG, which includes Assistant Professor Nydia Remolina Leon, Jane Loo and Ong Li Min. We are grateful to them for their efforts in the editorial process, which included collating and reviewing the manuscripts submitted.

The contributors to this Special Issue were carefully selected by the Guest Editor and his team, and they include established academics and practitioners from Asia and beyond. They are: Associate Professor Michelle Miao, Mr Yang Shao-Kai, Professor Gary Chan Kok Yew, Associate Professor Hesty Diyah Lestari, Dr Irene Pietropaoli, Mr Shaun Khoo and Ms Chow Zi En. They present to us a range of articles which are not only broad in scope, but also comprehensive in their discourse. The depth of analysis reflects the contributors' knowledge and expertise in their respective fields, and I hope that you will find their articles thought-provoking and enlightening.

Lastly, I thank the staff of the Singapore Academy of Law for their editorial support throughout the publication process.

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