

Preface

This volume contains papers presented at **TES 2013** – The Sixth International Conference of the Thailand Econometric Society, which is held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during January 10th–11th, 2013, and hosted by the School of Economics, Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers and scientists working in econometrics and quantitative analysis in economics for an opportunity to present and discuss theoretical and applied research problems as well as to foster research collaborations.

The papers included in this volume were carefully evaluated and recommended for publication by the Scientific Committee. We appreciate the efforts of all the authors who submitted papers and regret that not all of them can be included. The volume begins with paper(s) from keynote speaker(s) and is followed by the invited and contributed papers.

As a follow-up of TES 2013 conference, several special issues of journals such as *Journal of Econometrics*, *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*, *International Journal of Intelligent Technology and Applied Statistics* will be organized to publish a small number of extended papers selected from the Conference as well as other relevant contributions received in response to subsequent open calls. These journal submissions will go through a fresh round of reviews in accordance with these journals' guidelines.

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We hope that you the reader will find in reading this volume helpful and motivating.

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