E-commerce creates many opportunities for many people from all walks of life, but also faces many challenges. E-commerce uses information technology to transmit commercial information. Computer networks and commerce security both supplement and complement each other. Without computer network security as the foundation, commercial business is at risk. Security is one of the huge challenges confronting E-commerce. Commercial businesses cannot thrive in an environment where there are great risks to communication, etc. Security is an important guarantee of E-commerce, and the ultimate success of all business.

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The purpose of ISECS 2008 is to bring together researchers and practitioners from academia, industry, and government to exchange their research ideas and results and to discuss the state of the art in the areas of the symposium. In addition, the participants of the Symposium will hear from renowned keynote speakers IEEE & IET Fellow Prof. Chin-Chen Chang from National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan, IEEE Fellow Prof. Ben M. Chen from National University of Singapore, Singapore and Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man & Cybernetics, Part C, and Prof. Ben K.M. Sim from Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

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