Preface to the special issue on computing and combinatorics

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This special issue of the Journal of Combinatorial Optimization consists of 13 papers, selected from 48 presentations at the 23rd International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON 2017), taken place in Hong Kong, China, during August 3–5, 2017. COCOON 2017 provided a forum for researchers working in the areas of algorithms, theory of computation, computational complexity, and combinatorics related to computing. The technical program of the conference included 48 contributed papers selected by the Program Committee from 111 full submissions received in response to the call for papers. Sixteen of the articles were invited to this special issue. After the regular peer-review process of the journal, thirteen of them are accepted. One of the invited paper remains in review at this writing; if accepted, it will appear in a later issue of the journal.

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