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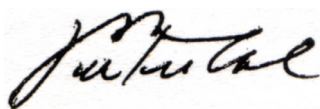
My warm greetings to the readers of the 2003 Journal and Proceedings of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS). These publications contain close to 400 technical papers covering a wide spectrum of topics on all modes of transportation. They therefore serve as good references for professionals and scholars who are interested on transportation research in Eastern Asia.

The Fukuoka Conference has a special significance. It marks the start of the 10th year of existence of the EASTS. Since its creation in 1994, the EASTS continues to pursue with vigor its mission of enhancing the growth of transportation science and technology and developing human resources in all aspects and modes of transportation. The number of papers presented in EASTS conferences has steadily grown from just under 100 in the Manila Conference to almost 400 in this year's conference in Fukuoka.

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The production and timely release of these publications would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of many people, too numerous to mention individually. The International Scientific Committee chaired by Prof. Keiichi Satoh, however, deserves a special mention. We extend to all of them our deepest appreciation and gratitude.

The next EASTS conference will be held in 2005, venue of which will be decided during this Fukuoka conference. We again enjoin everyone to aim for the presentation and publication of his research output in the next conference.



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