

PREFACE

It is my pleasure to report on the papers presented at the 5th International Conference of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies 2003, Fukuoka, Japan.

On behalf of the members of the International Scientific Committee (ISC), I would like to extend sincere gratitude to the EASTS members and others who submitted papers for the EASTS'03 Conference.

Summary of Paper Review

1. At the Conference, 246 Journal papers and 150 Proceedings papers, in total 396 papers will be presented.
2. We received as many as 762 abstracts in early 2003 and the consequent percentage for papers to get involved in the Journal was 32%.
3. Papers concerning a wide range of fields were submitted from Eastern Asian countries.

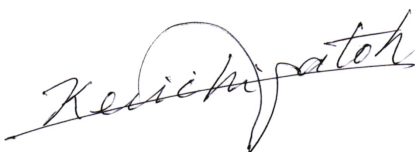
For the 5th Conference, we have adopted a “paper less” policy for the Journal and Proceedings, and they have been separately published on CD-ROM.

A book of abstracts (hard copy) also has been published for conference participants' convenience to know about papers presented at the Conference.

In developing the Journals and Proceedings on CD-ROM, the challenge was “garbage characters” due to non-alphabet characters contained in submitted PDF files because the CD-ROM was created as the standard English version. I appreciate paper authors who have generously cooperated to make their paper files' format right responding to our requests. I hope this Journal and Proceedings publishing policy will be accepted by conference participants.

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