

Invitation to the new journal “Asian Transport Studies”

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EASTS is going to establish a new journal titled as “Asian Transport Studies” in addition to the existing journal of the EASTS. EASTS has been founded since 1994 and has published the Journal of EASTS seven times. The latest Journal of EASTS contained qualified 266 papers and some of them were highly evaluated around the world. It has been a great success from the view points of the number at the first stage. “Asian Transport Studies” aims for a high quality journal containing papers with related to Asian issues.

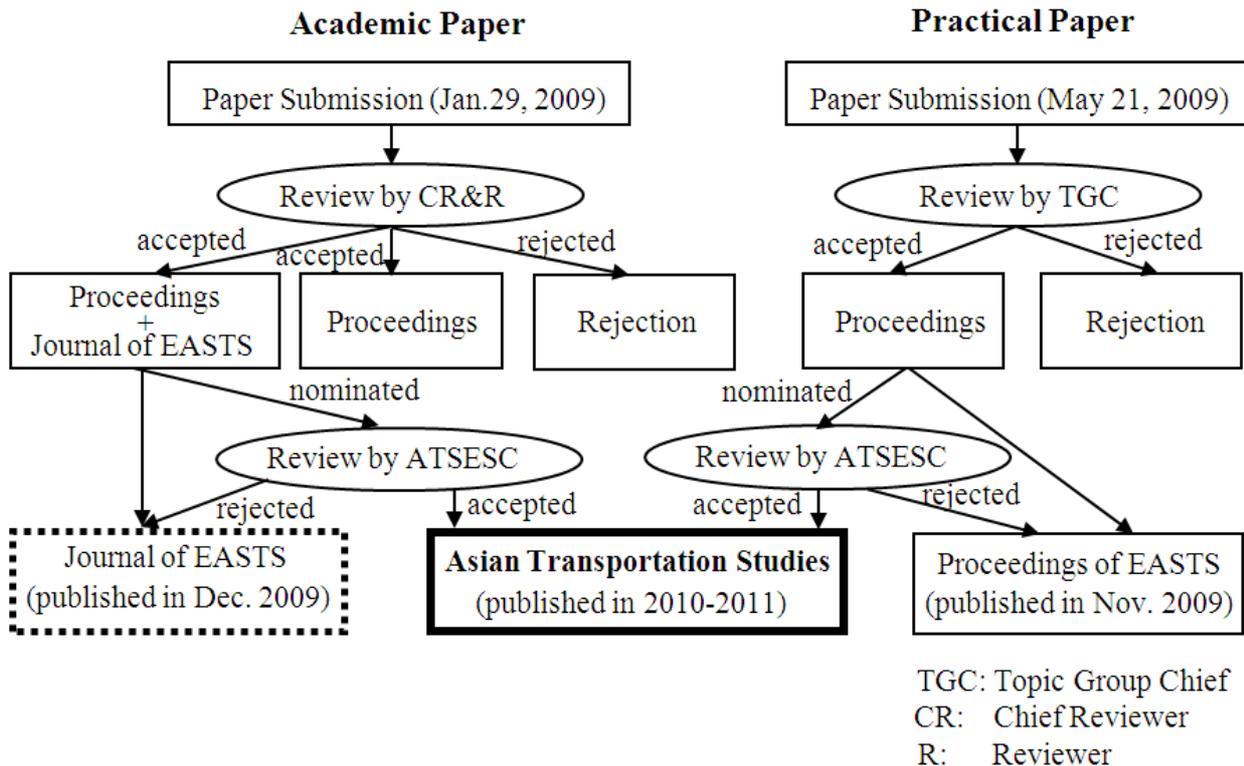
Economic growth in Asia is the most remarkable in the world: huge money has been invested in many new projects and many businesses. It causes construction rushes, rapid urbanization, overpopulated cities, serious traffic congestions, slums and poor surroundings simultaneously. Hence, “Asian Transport Studies” welcomes papers trying to solve these recent and urgent Asian problems. In addition, Asia has specific climate and unique cultures. Therefore, “Asian Transport Studies” welcomes papers considering these Asian circumstances and sending useful/effective messages from Asia to all over the world.

The new journal welcomes the selected papers from both Academic papers and Practical papers presented at the EASTS conference. The selection will be done, first of all, with Asia-specific topics points of view. As well as this criterion, the papers will be selected with the viewpoints of originality, ‘effectiveness and usefulness’, methodology and paper structures. ‘Effectiveness and usefulness’ should be evaluated not only in the short term but also in the long term: genuine useful results sometimes do not seem to be useful in short term. Papers finding new facts or making complicated phenomena clear are also highly evaluated. “Asian Transport Studies” is waiting for your ambitious papers overcoming conventional frames.

The details of the new journal are shown as follows:

- a) Name(tentative): Asian Transport Studies;
- b) Publication frequency: Twice a year;
- c) Publication style: Web journal;
- d) Source of papers: The papers in the new journal are selected from the Academic Papers and Practical Papers presented at the EASTS Conference: presentation at the conference is required for the publication in ATS;
- e) Paper-selection process:
 - 1) The authors submit their papers to ISC in response to the call for papers of the EASTS Conference. The submitted papers are reviewed during the evaluation process of the EASTS Proceedings/Journal.

- 2) Around 20% of Academic Papers selected for the Journal of EASTS and some excellent Practical Papers are nominated as the candidate papers for the new journal. Topic Group Chiefs are responsible for the paper nomination process with the supports of the Chief Reviewers;
- 3) “ATS Editorial Sub-Committee” (ATSESC) will be established under ISC. ATSESC reviews the nominated papers, and then selects around 50% of them for the new journal;
- 4) Around a quarter of the selected papers are categorized into similar topics and published every six months on the web site (J-Stage). Note that 531 papers were submitted as the Academic Papers and 266 papers were published in the last Journal of EASTS.



f) Review criteria:

Different criteria are applied to Academic paper and Practical paper respectively.

<Academic Paper>

- 1) **Asia-specific topics:** The content reflects one of the most important issues characterized in Asian region.
- 2) **Originality:** There exist no related literature and the paper has highly advanced and innovative viewpoints in academic field based on proper reference reviews.
- 3) **Effectiveness and usefulness:** The paper significantly affects on the existing theories and approaches, and is expansive and suggestive to future studies. Papers finding new facts or making complicated phenomena clear are also highly evaluated.
- 4) **Methodology:** The developed theory, methodology and used data are extremely appropriate, reliable, valid and unique.
- 5) **Paper structure:** The paper consists of well-organized arguments in English and valuable tables and figures.

<Practical Paper>

- 1) **Asia-specific topics:** The content reflects one of the most urgent and/or timely issues debated in Asian region.
 - 2) **Originality:** There exist no related literature and the paper refers to an incomparable R&D in practical field based on proper reference reviews.
 - 3) **Effectiveness and usefulness:** The paper significantly affects on the existing manuals and technologies, and is highly feasible and applicable to practical uses. Papers finding new facts or making complicated phenomena clear are also highly evaluated.
 - 4) **Methodology:** The applied approach, analysis and used data are extremely appropriate, reliable, valid and unique.
 - 5) **Paper structure:** The paper consists of well-organized arguments in English and valuable tables and figures.
- g) **Choice of journals:** Papers published in Asia Transport Studies are not contained in the Journal of EASTS simultaneously. Authors can request that their Academic Papers are published in the existing EASTS Journal even if their papers are selected for the new journal: authors who prefer the earlier publication of their papers can choose the Journal of EASTS. Note that the next EASTS Journal will be published at the end of 2009, while the new journal will be published in 2010 or 2011.
- h) **Trial run:** ISC proposes this plan as a trial run for two years (2010 and 2011) after Surabaya Conference.