

Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS)



The First Announcement

of

THE 8TH EASTS CONFERENCE

Surabaya, October 19-22, 2009

**“ENHANCING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
AND SERVICES IN A RAPID REGIONAL GROWTH”**

Hosted by

The Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies
The Indonesia Transport Society

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The Ministry of Transportation
The Provincial Government of East Java
The City Government of Surabaya
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In cooperation with
International Scientific Committee of EASTS and
Secretariat of EASTS



Greeting from Surabaya, Indonesia.



As the President of the Indonesia Transportation Society and the Chairman of the Conference Committee, we are delighted to announce that Surabaya, Indonesia will be hosting the **8th International Conference of EASTS**. This year conference theme, “**Enhancing Transportation Infrastructure and Services in a Rapid Regional Growth**”, is specially selected to encourage all participants coming from areas with rapid growth of traffic and transportation demand but with limited resources available for enhancing the transportation infrastructures and services. We recognizes that poor transport infrastructure and services are constraining the economic and social development and impeding its efforts to alleviate poverty, stem rural-urban migration, and more generally to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

The city of Surabaya, with a population of about 3.5 millions, represents a good case of cities in Indonesia that are showing a positive progress in alleviating urban transportation problem. With much more rapid increase of the number of motorists and vehicles on the roads than the growth of transportation infrastructures, the city of Surabaya has applied several travel demand management schemes and is planning to implement Bus Rapid Transit as well as revitalizing commuter railway system.

We believe that bringing people, their expertise and experiences during EASTS 2009 will strengthen our undertaking to improve our transportation infrastructure and services in both developing and developed Asia and Pacific region, since we all understand that enhancing transportation infrastructure and services is important for sustainable growth. Last but not least, it is our earnest desire to make your visit to our city a memorable and enjoyable experience

Dr. Bambang Susantono
Chair of the Conference Committee/Vice President, EASTS
President, Indonesia Transportation Society

1. Conference Schedule

Date: October 19-22, 2009

Venue: SURABAYA, INDONESIA

2. Important Dates

Academic Papers

Call for academic papers	Oct. 1, 2008
Deadline of submission of academic papers:	Jan. 29, 2009
Notification of acceptance of academic papers:	Jun. 11, 2009
Deadline of submission of revised full papers:	Jul. 23, 2009
Deadline of registration of presenters:	Jul. 24, 2009
Notification of acceptance of revised academic papers:	Aug. 28, 2009
Deadline of submission for final academic papers:	Nov. 1, 2009
Web publication of Journal	Dec. 24, 2009

Practical Papers

Call for practical papers:	Oct. 1, 2008
Second call for practical papers	Feb. 1, 2009
Deadline of submission of practical papers:	May 21, 2009
Notification of acceptance of practical papers:	Jun. 24, 2009
Deadline of registration of presenters:	Jul. 24, 2009

3. Important Notices from International Scientific Committee (ISC)

The primary objectives of EASTS are to foster excellence in transportation research and practice, and to stimulate the professional exchange in all aspects and modes of transportation particularly in the Asian regions. Presentations and discussions at the conference are critical for achieving these objectives. More than 500 papers were presented at the previous Dalian Conference. This means EASTS Conference has reached the successful level in terms of its scale. EASTS Conference should go further to the next step at which it is competent among transportation research conferences in the world. ISC is now planning to introduce a new journal focusing on the Asian transportation issues in addition to the existing EASTS Journal. ISC expects that many papers dealing with the Asia-specific transportation topics will be presented at Surabaya Conference and be published in the journals. The details of the new journal will be announced thorough “The Second Announcement” and ISC web site in the middle of August.

(1) Who will be awarded?

ISC welcomes the outstanding papers which find out the previously unknown facts; develop the new theory contributing to understand the phenomenon in a better way; propose the meaningful new methodology from the academic or practical viewpoints; and provide the interesting research results highlighting the Asia-specific characteristics in climate, culture, economy, safety, etc. Furthermore, the EASTS Research Vision could be taken into consideration to evaluate the papers. It is available at http://www.trip.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/easts_isc/research_vision.pdf.

(2) Requirement of Membership of EASTS for Presentation at the Conference

Those who want to present the paper(s) in the Conference must have an “EASTS Regular Member

ID”. Any paper submitted without ID cannot be accepted for presentation nor included in the Proceedings. If you are a non-Regular Member ID holder, you are requested to obtain a membership by the due days of paper submission. You can find the document describing EASTS membership policy at <http://www.easts.info/membership/membership.html>.

(3) Conference CD-ROM, Proceedings and Journal Publication

ISC makes Conference CD-ROM and publishes Proceedings of the EASTS and Journal of the EASTS. First, the Conference CD-ROM contains all papers qualified for conference presentation. It includes both Academic Papers and Practical Papers. The advanced registration is required for their papers to be included in the Conference CD-ROM. This CD-ROM is published before the Conference. Next, the Proceedings of the EASTS contains all papers that have been presented at the Conference. It includes both Academic Papers and Practical Papers. The Proceedings will be uploaded to the J-Stage web site after the conference. Note that any paper that has not been presented at the Conference is not contained in the Proceedings. Finally, the Journal of the EASTS contains the refereed Academic Papers that have been qualified through the paper review process. The presentation at the Conference is required for their papers to be included in the Journal. The Journal will be provided through the J-Stage web site after the Conference. For the details J-Stage: <http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/>.

(4) Encouragement to submit Practical Papers

We strongly promote the participation of practical experts who belong to governments and/or transportation-relating businesses. We make much of active discussions between experts and researchers at the Conference. Thus, we have set up the ‘Practical Papers’ category since the Dalian Conference. Practical Papers cover the practical issues and problems with the good suggestions for transportation system in the Eastern Asia region. As the evaluation process of Practical Papers is simpler than that of Academic Papers, we expect many Practical Papers dealing with timely and useful topics such as on-going transportation projects, recent issues, practical comments on transportation policies, etc. The paper review of Practical Papers respects their usefulness, timeliness, reliability, and practical novelty rather than completeness or academic originality. The accepted Practical Papers will be presented at the Conference.

(5) For Further Information

All information of the conference will be announced at the following internet web sites. Please access to these websites frequently to get the latest information about the conference.

-Local information about the conference: Surabaya LOC Website, <http://www.easts2009.org/>

-Scientific matters regarding the conference: EASTS ISC Website

http://www.trip.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/easts_isc/ISC_top.html

4. Important Notice from Secretariat of EASTS

EASTS prepares the financial support (conference registration fee, airfare and accommodation fees) to the qualified presenters. The following conditions should be satisfied to be qualified. First, only EASTS regular members are eligible for the financial support. Second, they must present either Academic Paper or Practical Paper at the conference. Third, their paper(s) must be evaluated to be excellent in the paper review process. Fourth, they must belong to one of the following EASTS

member countries/regions/societies which meet the criteria for EASTS's fund beneficiaries:
Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.