

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to warmly welcome all participants of the 6th Conference of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS) in Bangkok, Thailand. Since the establishment of EASTS over 10 years ago, this organization has grown steadily thanks to the tremendous efforts of dedicated people in the field of transportation. The increasing number of papers and participants of the previous conferences in the first 10 years has also shown the great success in sharing and increasing the level of information in transportation research and practice. As in the previous conferences, this conference also offers many opportunities for exchanging knowledge and views in all aspects of transportation.

This conference features the theme “Gearing Up for Sustainable Transportation in Eastern Asia”. Sustainability is a key concern worldwide in recent years. Transportation is one of the most important issues for achieving a sustainable society because of its wide influence, such as mobility, energy and environment. Long-term perspectives and international cooperative activities in eastern Asia countries are indispensable for achieving sustainable transportation. I hope this conference and other EASTS activities continue to help develop a better transportation system for a sustainable society.

The Local Organizing Committee in Thailand has been doing an excellent arrangement to ensure the success of this conference. I am strongly convinced that this conference can provide all participants with good opportunities to enrich their professional knowledge and to experience the wonderful culture in the beautiful and heartwarming city of Bangkok.

I look forward to meeting all of you during the conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Morichi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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