

PREFACE

At the 6th International Conference of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies 2005, Bangkok, Thailand, an unprecedented number of papers were presented.

On behalf of the members of the International Scientific Committee (ISC), I would like to express sincere appreciation to the EASTS members and all participants who made the conference a success.

Summary of Paper Review

1. At the Conference, one invited paper, 313 Journal papers and 202 Proceedings papers, in total 516 papers were presented.

2. We received as many as 881 abstracts in 2004 and the consequent percentage for papers to get involved in the Journal was 35.5%.

3. Papers concerning a wide range of fields were submitted from Eastern Asian countries.

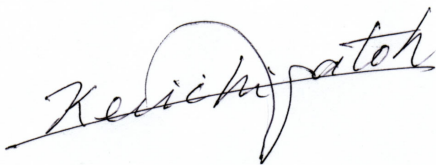
Following the 5th Conference, for the 6th Conference, we have adopted the “paper less” policy for the Journal and Proceedings, and they have been separately published on CD-ROM. A hard copy book of abstracts also has been published for conference participants’ convenience. The issue of “garbage characters” still existed. Although ISC Secretariat’s efforts have decreased no. of papers which contained garbage characters, further efforts need to be made to eliminate garbage characters.

I hope that the Journal and Proceedings publishing policies will be accepted by conference participants.

In conclusion, I would like to specially thank to Prof. Shigeru MORICHI, President of EASTS who has provided us with suggestive advice. I also deeply appreciate Prof. Pichai TANEERANANON, Prof. KHO Seung-Young, and Prof. Hitoshi IEDA; Vice Chairpersons; Prof. Lawrence W. Lan, Chairperson of the Awarding Sub-Committee; and other ISC members; as well as about 400 referees who have reliably supported us throughout the paper review process.

Most importantly, I am grateful for Prof. Yordphol TANABORIBOON, Chairperson of the Thai Conference Committee, who has tirelessly worked for years to make this grand conference a memorable and successful one.

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