



EASTS NEWSLETTER

Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EASTS

(DR. PRIMITIVO C. CAL)

Warm Greetings!

The fourth EASTS Conference in Hanoi is fast approaching. All technical papers for publication in the EASTS Journal and Conference Proceedings have been chosen by the International Scientific Committee. The Local Organizing Committee is finalizing its preparations to ensure that participants will not only benefit professionally but culturally as well.

The chosen theme, "Transport for Equity, Economy, Mobility and Sustainability", is most appropriate. It embodies the goals and aspirations of each member, regardless of socio-economic standing. One important role of professional societies like the EASTS is to undertake researches that will enhance our individual capabilities to meet these objectives. Judg-

ing from the increasing number of technical papers presented at EASTS conferences, one can say that EASTS is fulfilling this role.

On another note, may I remind our members to participate in several contests launched by EASTS. If you have not done so, kindly submit your entries for Best Domestic Society Award, Outstanding Transportation Project Award, and Best Photo of transportation engineering landmark.

Finally, the forthcoming EASTS Conference promises to be another professionally and culturally enriching event for everyone. Do come and make your presence felt. See you in Hanoi soon.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITY (ICRA)

At the firststage, **Initial International Cooperative Research Activity(ICRA)** started in the voluntary level.

To promote the research activities and international cooperative research, EASTS is proud to announce the offering of **research grants** to a group of researchers involved in transportation and related fields through its ICRA.

Interested groups are required to submit an application

form with the research proposal for consideration and approval by the EASTS Board. Members should be composed of researchers from two or more countries/areas.

To truly attain the objective of fostering international collaborative efforts, the members of the research group should be composed of researchers from two or more countries/areas.

See ICRA, Page 3

MESSAGE FROM THE VIETNAM LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

(PROF. DR. NGUYEN XUAN DAO, CHAIRMAN OF TSSV)

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Transportation Studies Society of Vietnam and the Local Organizing Committee, I would like to invite you and your family members to the Fourth Conference of Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies from October 24th to October 27th, 2001.

For us, it is a great honor granted by the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies to organize this first Conference of EASTS in the 21st Century in Hanoi

With the theme "Transport for Equity, Economy, Mobility and Sustainability", the EASTS'01 will provide a great

opportunity for scientists and technical experts to exchange and to share experience in all aspects of transportation studies.

The doors to EASTS'01 are wide open, so we call upon your active participation in this conference to make it a great success.

Apart from attending the technical program, you can enjoy Vietnamese hospitality and have chance to visit one of world's natural heritages - the Ha Long Bay.

We look forward to meeting you in Hanoi!

INFORMATION OF EASTS CONFERENCE 2001 IN HANOI

Date: October 24 -27, 2001

Venue: Hanoi Daewoo Hotel

360 Kim Ma, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam

Tel: 84 4 831 5000, Fax: 84 4 831 5010

Email: hotel@daewoohn.com.vn

Program: You can see the preliminary program of EASTS 2001 on the ISC's web site (<http://www.rs.civil.tohoku.ac.jp/~isc-easts/>). Besides, final program will be opened at the end of August on the ISC's web site.

Registration: A fully accomplished registration form should be sent by e-mail or facsimile to the Conference Secretariat. Registration form is included on page 4 of this newsletter. Schedule of registration fees are as shown below:

	Category	Before Sep. 24, '01	On and after Sep 24. '01
1	Delegate (EASTS - country member *)	USD 50.00	USD 80.00
2	Delegate (Non- EASTS country member)	USD 75.00	USD 90.00
3	Student (all countries)	USD 20.00	USD 25.00
4	Accompany person **	USD 75.00	USD 90.00

* : Including Cambodia

** : will attend all EASTS'01 events

Journal and Proceedings cost US\$20.00 for participants and US\$100 for non-participants.

Payments may be made in cash, bank draft, bank check or credit card.

Cash: Pay on site to the LOC

Credit Card (Visa-, Master card only): Arrangement will be made so that you can draw money for payment on site.

Accommodation: Participants of the EASTS 2001 in Hanoi may avail of the following special rates at the Hanoi Daewoo Hotel by booking through the Local Organizing Committee

Room type	Rates
Deluxe room (single)	US\$ 50 net / night
Deluxe room (Twin/Double)	US\$ 55 net / night
Executive floor room (single)	US\$ 80 net / night
Executive Suite (single)	US\$120 net / night

(Rates include breakfast, tax and service charge):

It is highly recommended for those participants, who want to get low rate, that they can share the room with the rate of only 55 USD/night.

Visa information:

To get visa to enter in Vietnam smoothly, please follow two steps:

1. Contact with Vietnamese Representative Office abroad (Embassy, Consulate, etc.)

It is necessary to contact them to be aware whether

with your possessed passport you need an entry visa. It is known that with diplomatic passport, or official passport (for most ASEAN countries, ROK, China etc.) or even normal passport in some cases, you do not need any entry visa.

For those who need entry visa, please ask for Visa Application Form from the contacted Vietnamese Representative Office and refer to part 2 as follows.

2. Possibility for Visa Application

2.1. Without LOC

You will still get visa directly from the Vietnamese Representative Office abroad for a stay-visit less than 15 days. After completing required procedure there, you may get entry visa within some working days.

2.2. Through LOC

Please send following personal data to LOC at least from 10 to 14 days before you can apply for your visa at Vietnamese Representative Office abroad:

-Full name, -Date of birth, -Profession and working place, -Passport number, -Nationality, -Place of collecting visa: Vietnamese Embassy/Consulate/etc. in xxxxx(Name of City), -Your address to contact with Fax number or/and e-mail address.

These data you can fill up in your registration form or send extra. With your data, LOC will contact with the related Vietnamese Representative Office and after that, when necessary, send you additional advice to apply for the visa.

For special case, for example, if you are traveling and cannot contact with Vietnamese Representative Office abroad; it is useful to know that you can get your visa at Vietnamese frontier, e.g. the international Airport Noi Bai (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat (HO Chi Minh City). But in this case, you are requested to provide LOC with these data before, too.

3. Note

3.1. Letter of invitation

The Local Organizing Committee will send a letter of invitation upon request. This invitation intends only to facilitate delegate's travel and passport/visa arrangement (some countries ask for this Invitation letter to issue passport, for example). It in no way implies provision of any support, financial or otherwise.

3.2. Vietnamese Representative Office may charge you a certain amount for your visa.

Access from Airport to Hanoi Daewoo Hotel: From the Noi Bai International Airport to Hanoi Daewoo Hotel, you can travel either by taxi for about 10 -12 USD or minibus for about 3-4 USD. In Hanoi, taxis, motorcycles and bicycles can easily be rented. Especially, the cyclo, a three -wheeled rickshaw, is perfect for those who wish to move slowly and enjoy a city tour.

Airport Tax: International flights: 15 USD (children under 2 are exempted)

Climate during the Conference: Autumn in Vietnam is from August to October. The climate in autumn is characterized by clear, blue skies and gentle spells of breeze. The average temperature is about at 22 degrees Celsius.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the **Conference Secretariat** at:

Phong Quan he Quoc te, Vien Khoa hoc Cong nghe giao thong van tai

1252 Duong Lang - Dong Da - Ha Noi

Tel: (84 4) 834 0290; 834 0749/ Fax: (84 4) 766 3403

Email: VKHCNGTVT@FPT.VN

ICRA: *Grant for International Cooperative research*

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Interested groups are required to submit an application form with the research proposal for consideration and approval by the EASTS Board. Grantees are expected to present the results of their collaborative research in a special session of the 5th EASTS conference to be held in 2003.

The application form(written in MS-Word format) can be downloaded from the EASTS homepage (<http://www.cv.titech.ac.jp/~east>). All requirements must be submitted on or before **September 30, 2001** by post mail, fax or e-mail to the Secretariat. Submissions with incomplete requirements or delivered after the deadline will be automatically disqualified for further processing. Announcement of grantees will be on October 26, 2001.

A research fund of **1.5 million YEN (approximately 12,500 US\$)** for two years per research project will be awarded. A maximum of 2 projects will be selected.

For more information, please contact the Office of the EASTS Secretary-General at the address and contact numbers shown on page 6 of this Newsletter.

The 4th Conference of Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies

Registration Form

Please complete this form in print and send it by fax or e-mail to the Secretariat (please see the address below)

1	DELEGATE ... Mr. ... Ms. ... Mrs. ... Dr. ... Prof. (Please tick the appropriate)				
	First Name		Last Name		Tel
	Date of birth:	Position	Organization		Fax
	Country		Correspondence Address		E-mail
2	VISA INFORMATION (if you need the help of LOC for getting visa)				
	Nationality		Passport Number	Contacted Vietnamese Representative office abroad (*) in	
3	REGISTRATION FEE				
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	Student	USD 20	USD 25		USD
	Accompany person	USD 75	USD 90		USD
	Subtotal (A): USD				
4	HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (Daewoo Hotel)				
	Room Type:	Check-in Date	Check-out Date	Rate	Number of nights Payment
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	Deluxe room (Twin/Double)			USD 55 net/night	USD
	Executive floor room (Single)			USD 80 net/night	USD
	Executive Suite (Single)			USD 120 net/night	USD
	Subtotal (B): USD				
5	PAYMENT				
	Fee Summary: Subtotal (A) + Subtotal (B) = Total Amount Enclosed USD _____				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Draft <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash				
	<i>Cash: Pay on site to the LOC</i> <i>Credit Card (Visa, Master Card only): Arrangement will be made so that you can draw money for payment on site</i>				
	<i>Please make bank draft or check payable to:</i> VIEN KHOA HOC CONG NGHE GIAO THONG VAN TAI USD Account No.: 4311.0021.00.000.174.3 VIETCOMBANK HANOI VIETCOMBANK HANOI - 78 NGUYEN DU - HANOI - VIETNAM			<i>The Conference Secretariat:</i> Phong Quan he Quoc te Vien Khoa hoc Cong nghe giao thong van tai 1252 Duong Lang - Dong Da - Ha Noi - Vietnam Tel: (84 4) 834 0290; 834 0749 Fax: (84 4) 766 3403 Email: VKHCNGTVT@FPT.VN	

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

NEWS TIDBITS FROM EASTS DOMESTIC SOCIETIES

From TAIWAN: The **Chinese Institute of Transportation (CIT)** successfully held the following activities in 2001: "The 9th Intercollegiate Symposium on Transportation Studies" on April 28th, in cooperation with the National Chiao Tung University; "The Third Conference on Motorcycle Traffic and Safety", also in April, jointly sponsored by the Taoyuan County Government, Yamaha Motorcycle Learning Foundation, and National Central University; "The Conference on Current Transportation Issues and Resolutions" on May 8th in Taipei, which was organized as the prelude to the National Transportation Conference held in June by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. CIT, with Tamkang University, organized a "Seminar on Advanced Traffic Technology and Management" on June 22, 2001. Future activities include: "Eighth National Conference on Transportation Safety" in cooperation with the Taiwan Area National Freeway Bureau and Chung Hua University; "The 16th Annual Meeting at the National Chiao Tung University"; and "Sixth Conference on Transportation Networks", both scheduled for November. Theme of this year's Annual Meeting is "Innovative Transportation: Challenge, Transformation and Revolution". The Transportation Medal, newly established by CIT to recognize outstanding transportation practitioners, will be awarded at the Annual Meeting.

From LAO PDR: Lao-EASTS collaborated with the Transport Department, Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction to convene its first Transport Conference on 18-21 June 2001. This conference was chaired by Minister and attended by more than 150 participants representing various government authorities. In a nutshell, the objectives were to improve the passenger and freight transport for international competence and practices to enable Lao PDR to become a transit country in the ASEAN and GMS region.

From NEW ZEALAND: Members of EASTS-New Zealand participated in a joint meeting of two task forces of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) in Christchurch, New Zealand. The two Task Forces were Sustainable Cities and Transportation. Forty (40) participants from nine PECC

economies, including Australia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, Pacific Islands, South Korea, and New Zealand met to discuss the critical factors affecting the efficient functioning of airports and sea ports as key gateways. It is proposed that a publication will be produced from the papers presented at the meeting and editing work is currently underway with a target of November 2001 for printing and distribution. On another note, EASTS-New Zealand announces the replacement of Dr. Robin Dunlop by Dr. Jean-Paul Thull on the EASTS Scientific Committee.

From PHILIPPINES: The **Transportation Science Society of the Philippines (TSSP)** successfully held its 9th Annual Conference with the theme "Engineering Education: Its Mission for the New Millennium" on July 20, 2001. Attended by over 150 participants and observers from the government, private industry, various universities in the Philippines and Japan, it included a special afternoon session on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) where technical papers were delivered. Twenty (20) technical papers on transportation planning and engineering, including social and environmental aspects plus ITS, were delivered during the conference. Other activities of the Society include: a symposium on the "ASEAN Transport Cooperation Framework Plan" held last April 2001, followed by a Roundtable Conference on Road Safety last May 2001. A new Board of Directors and Officers have been elected.

From SINGAPORE: The **Society of Transportation Science (Singapore)** is cordially extending its invitation to the 5th IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems on September 3-6, 2002, which it will be co-hosting. The scope covers basic research and applications of leading advances in communications, computers, control, management and other related technologies to intelligent transportation systems. Full papers should be submitted electronically to dhl@nus.edu.sg. Submitted manuscripts must be no more than 6 A4 pages, including figures, tables and references. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2002.

EASTS CONTEST

Best EASTS Domestic Society Award: The Board of EASTS has approved a proposal for the award of the Best EASTS Domestic Society. The award will be given out at the EASTS

Conference. The inaugural award will be made at the 4th EASTS Conference at Hanoi. The award will be given to the best domestic society for activities in year 2000 based on

the following criteria:

(1) Intellectual activities (e.g. journals, research seminars, conferences and short courses), (2) Professional activities (e.g. forum, talks, technical visits, exhibitions, news letters), (3) Social activities (e.g. members gathering, tours, golf games), (4) Members participation rate, (5) Impacts of activities, (6) Benefits for members

Tien Fang Fwa (cvfwwatf@nus.edu.sg)

Chairperson

Best EASTS Domestic Society Award Committee

Outstanding Transportation Project Award: The Board of EASTS will approve a proposal for the award of Outstanding Transportation Project during Hanoi conference. The candidate project should be firstly approved by its domestic society. Please contact to the chairperson for more information.

Inwon Lee (htr@wow.hongik.ac.kr)

Chairperson

Outstanding Transportation Project Award Committee

ISSOT 2001

The 7th International Student Seminar on Transportation Research 2001 or ISSOT 2001 will be held on Oct. 22 and 23 at the University of Construction in Hanoi in Vietnam. Sponsored by the International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences (IATSS), ISSOT is an annual event that provides opportunity for students and young researchers to exchange views and experiences on transport-related fields in an international and interdisciplinary setting. ISSOT also aims to foster academic and professional linkage among its participants. This year, the chosen theme for ISSOT is: "Transportation in Asia - Today and Tomorrow". ISSOT 2001 aims

EASTS 2001 Photo Contest: Those who intend to join the contest must send his/her "best photo" with its title and explanatory notes to the sub-committee chairperson by **September 30, 2001**. All domestic societies' members are invited to join. The size of photo submitted must be equal to or smaller than a quarter of the actual photo (actual photo size: 210 mm x 297 mm). The sub-committee will conduct preparatory selection before the coming conference in Hanoi and requests candidates to submit a negative or a digital file of the photo to be displayed at the conference venue. The sub-committee is also preparing "Best Transport Landmark Photo" prize and other prizes. The criteria of selection may be composed of its theme, catch phrase, comment, quality of photo, composition and beauty. The winners of the contest will be announced during the conference after being approved by the Board. Anyone who is willing to be a member of the sub-committee is requested to send e-mail to the chairperson not later than **September 10, 2001**.

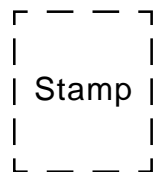
Tetsuo Yai (tyai@plan.cv.titech.ac.jp)

Chairperson

EASTS 2001 Photo Contest Awarding Committee

to join our efforts in search of transportation systems that are safe, efficient, environment-friendly and cause minimal harm to its users - that is us, the people living in this part of the world.

ISSOT 2001 welcomes students and young researchers not only in civil engineering field but also in mechanical engineering, social science, medicine, etc to the seminar. For further information, please take a look our website: <http://www.mech.cst.nihon-u.ac.jp/society/issot/index.html> or contact Mr. Kerati Kijmanawat, who is the representative of student committee at kerati@trip.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp.



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