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Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies

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REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE BY CHAIRPERSON, KEIICHI SATOH

I would like to update you of the activities of the International Scientific Committee (ISC). The ISC has been reorganized for the EASTS '03 Fukuoka. The list of new ISC members is available at the web site of ISC. All ISC members are internationally leading scholars in the field of transportation studies. With their kind cooperation, I sincerely believe that we will be able to complete the work of the Committee for EASTS '03.

The abstracts submitted for the EASTS '03 Conference were reviewed by members of the ISC. I am pleased to inform the Society that the number of abstracts from 19 countries reached as much as 776. After the abstract review, the journal papers will be finalized with a review of the submitted full papers.

Please refer to the web site of the ISC for the review procedure. For the review of full papers, we will ask many peer referees to review the papers.

Submitted abstracts by country/region

	<i>EASTS '01</i>	<i>EASTS '03</i>
AUSTRALIA	16	10
CANADA	0	3
CHINA	33	59
HONG KONG	9	9
INDONESIA	40	83
JAPAN	133	154
KOREA	79	138
LAOS	2	0
MALAYSIA	11	32
PHILIPPINES	34	51
SINGAPORE	5	4
TAIWAN	63	140
THAILAND	21	48
VIETNAM	28	17
FIJI	1	0
FRANCE	1	0
GERMANY	0	1
INDIA	2	0
NEPAL	0	1
NETHERLANDS	1	1
NEW ZEALAND	3	1
NIGERIA	1	0
SWEDEN	2	0
U.K	2	9
U.S.A	8	12
TOTAL	495	773

I would like to sincerely express my gratitude to ISC members for kindly accepting this difficult task in spite of their busy schedules.

I would like also to ask all parties concerned including authors, referees and participants to visit our homepage to obtain the latest information. News and updates are regularly posted at the "Notice Board" of the EASTS-ISC website.

The ISC will make its utmost efforts to publish journals and proceedings aiming at higher quality for EASTS '03. I would like to ask your continued cooperation for the success of the Conference.



Dr. Keiichi SATOH,
ISC Chairperson

I am looking forward to seeing you in Fukuoka.

EASTS-Fukuoka '03

Date: from 29 October to 1 November, 2003

Venue: Fukuoka International Congress Center

Conference Theme: Connecting Eastern Asia Through Better Transportation

EASTS-ISC Homepage <http://easts-isc-ue.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/index.htm>

EASTS Homepage <http://www.easts.info>

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EASTS ' 03 FUKUOKA CONFERENCE

Committee

Chairman:

-Takeshi Chishaki (Professor emeritus of Kyushu University)

Members:

-Tomonori Sumi (Kyushu University)
 -Nobuaki Inoue (Fukuoka University)
 -Masaya Kawano (Nishinippon Institute of Technology)
 -Satoshi Toi (Kyushu University)
 -Shouji Kuroda (Kyushu-Yamaguchi Economic Federation)
 -Kiyoshi Kumagai (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport)
 -Mineo Matsumoto (Fukuoka Prefecture)
 -Shigeru Kikukawa (Fukuoka Prefecture)

-Hiroyoshi Sakai (Fukuoka Prefecture)

-Itaru Kano (Fukuoka City)

-Isao Takemasa (Fukuoka City)

-Kazutoshi Hiramata (Fukuoka City)

-Isaburo Sakai (Fukuoka City)

Advisory Board

Adviser:

-Shigeru Ohno (Kyushu-Yamaguchi Economic Federation)

-Shigeki Watanabe (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport)

-Wataru Aso (Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture)

-Hirotaro Yamasaki (Mayor of Fukuoka City)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 9TH EASTS BOARD MEETING

The 9th EASTS Board Meeting (BM) was held successfully last September 14, 2002 in Fukuoka, Japan. The meeting had the following agenda: (1) Report of the International Scientific Committee; (2) Theme of the Fukuoka 2003 Conference; (3) Report of the Secretary-General; (4) Report of the Treasurer; (5) Report of the Domestic Societies; (6) Report of Sub-Committees; (7) International Cooperative Research Activity (ICRA), and (8) 10th Anniversary of the EASTS in 2004.

The highlights of the BM are shown below. Dr. Satoh, Chairperson of the ISC, reported the following changes with respect to the 5th EASTS Conference.

- (1) the proceedings will be published in CD-ROM;
- (2) Prof. Hitoshi Ieda of the University of Tokyo took over as Chair of the Awards Sub-Committee;

The Board discussed and adopted "Connecting Eastern Asia Through Better Transportation" as the theme of the EASTS 2003 Fukuoka Conference.

Dr. Tetsuo Yai, Secretary-General updated the Board on the on-going international cooperative research activities (ICRA). The grantees under the ICRA have been asked to organize a special session in the upcoming conference in Fukuoka for the presentation of the results of their research.

IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

At the 9th Board Meeting, the Board decided to issue identification card (ID) for regular members. The ID card shall be issued by each Domestic Society to its respective members. The number of regular members of each domestic society is determined by the category where the member domestic society belongs. In accordance with the Constitution of the Society, all regular members will have the following benefits:

- (1) participation in general membership meetings of the Society;
- (2) access to all of the facilities of the Society; and
- (3) discount of conference registration fees and prices of EASTS journals, proceedings and other publications.

Furthermore, the possession of a regular member ID

card will become one of the prerequisites to qualify for financial support from EASTS-Japan to present their studies at the EASTS conferences. The figure below is the design of the regular member ID card.



Sample of ID Card for Regular Member

THE EASTS SYMPOSIUM

The EASTS Symposium focusing on "Future Direction of Airport Investment and Air Transport Network in Asia" was held on 14 September 2002 in Fukuoka and attended by more than 300 participants. This

symposium was planned as a pre-event of the next EASTS conference to be held in Fukuoka.

In the panel discussion, Dr. Cheng-Min Feng of the

Chinese Institute of Transportation pointed out the inefficient aspects of hub-airport competition and the necessity of complementary role among existing airports. Dr. Kyong Soo Chon of Seoul National University expressed his apprehension of excessive airport investment. Dr. Tetsuo Yai of Tokyo Institute of Technology proposed an alternative strategy, which is the effective use of small-scale jet planes.

The discussion drew great interest from the audience especially that Fukuoka is planning for a new international airport.



Scene of the Symposium

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITY (ICRA)

The EASTS is offering research grants to researchers involved in transportation and related fields through its International Cooperative Research Activity (ICRA). The purpose of the ICRA is to promote research activities of the EASTS by encouraging international cooperative research.

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

To truly attain the main objective of fostering international collaborative efforts, members of the research group should be composed of researchers from two or more countries/regions. Interested groups are required to submit an application form with the research proposal for consideration and approval by the EASTS

Board. Grantees will be required to present the results of their collaborative research in a special session of the 6th EASTS Conference to be held in 2005.

The application form (in MS Word format) can be downloaded from the EASTS Website (<http://www.easts.info/icra>). All requirements must be submitted on or before the deadline by postal mail, fax or e-mail to the Office of the EASTS Secretary-General. Submissions with incomplete requirements or delivered after the deadline will not be considered.

Important Dates

Deadline for Submission of Application:

31 August 2003

Announcement of Grantees:

October 2003

Contact address (please See the last page)

EASTS CONTEST

Best Transportation Landmark Photo Award

On behalf of EASTS 2003 Best Transportation Landmark Photo Award Committee, I would like to announce the opening of the Best Transportation Landmark Photo Contest. All members of the domestic societies invited to join the contest.

Criteria of Prize Selection

The criteria of selection include the following: theme, catch phrase, comment, quality of photograph, composition and beauty. The winning entry shall be announced during the EASTS '03 Conference after the approval of the Board.

Prize

The Committee is currently preparing the "Best Trans-

portation Landmark Photo" prize and other prizes for this contest.

Application Guideline

Those who are intending to join the contest must send their photo entries with title and explanatory notes to the Committee Chairperson by September 30, 2003. The size of the photo entry must be equivalent to or smaller than a quarter of the actual photo (actual photo size: 210 mm x 297 mm). The Committee will then conduct an initial selection before the Fukuoka EASTS '03 Conference and will request the candidates to submit a negative or a digital file of the photo to be displayed at the conference venue. Other information will be uploaded to the EASTS website: <http://www.easts.info/photocon.html>.

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Outstanding Transportation Project Award

Dear EASTS Member,

In the occasion of the 5th EASTS Conference that will be held in Fukuoka, Japan in 2003, the Board will be giving recognition to qualified transportation projects constructed in EASTS member countries/regions through the "Outstanding Transportation Project Award".

Please take note of the basic information, guidelines and schedule of "2003 Outstanding Transportation Project Award", as shown below. I would also like to request that the head and members of respective domestic societies and potential major transportation project leaders in each country be informed of the search for the outstanding transportation project in

order for them to have time in the application and preparation of documents of projects for inclusion in the competition.

Number of Prize: 3

Criteria of Prize Selection:

- Expected Social Impact
- Expected Transportation Impact
- Method/Technology of Construction
- Financing and Management
- Uniqueness

Application Guideline:

- Deadline of the Submission: 15 October 2003
- Maximum of 3 candidate projects per country/region with the approval of the domestic society
- Application document should be from 2 to 5 pages per candidate project
- The digital file (MS-Word format) and 2 sets of hard copies should be submitted
- The candidate project should be completed within the past 2 years
- Contents of the Application Document:
 - (1) Name of the Project
 - (2) Outline of the Project
 - Brief History
 - Construction Cost by Item (US\$)
 - (3) Impact of the Project
 - Social Impact
 - Transportation Impact
 - (4) Method/Technology of Construction
 - (5) Financing and Management
 - (6) Uniqueness of the Project
 - (7) Pictures and Drawings of the Project
 - (8) Contact Information: Telephone, Facsimile, E-mail

Chairperson, Outstanding Transportation Project Award Committee

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LOCAL NEWS

The 8th Conference of HKSTS

The 8th Conference of Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS) will be held on 13-14 December 2003. Established in February 1996, the HKSTS aims to foster excellence in transportation research and practice, stimulate professional interchange in transportation, and provide a forum for exchanging ideas on transportation developments. The conference will be jointly organized by HKSTS, the Airport Authority Hong Kong and the Department of Geography at the University of Hong Kong.

With the increasing importance of logistics to the economy of Hong Kong and the rest of China, integrating transportation and logistics in the supply chain is a critical factor for thriving in a dynamic and increasingly competitive market. Practitioners and academics are cordially invited to share their knowledge and experience in fostering ideas and discussion concern-

ing current problems, solutions and the future development of transportation and logistics. The eight conference topics are aviation, logistics and supply-chain management, regional transportation, technology and transportation, infrastructure and transportation planning, transportation modeling and surveys, financial and economic appraisal, and environment, safety and security.

Authors are invited to submit abstracts of 300-500 words to Dr. Becky P. Y. Loo, Co-chair of the 8th Conference of HKSTS (c/o Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong; Fax: (852) 2559-8994; E-mail: bpyloo@hkucc.hku.hk). The deadline for abstracts will be on 15 April 2003. The acceptance of abstracts will be made known to authors by the May 31, 2003. For further information, please visit the conference website at <http://home.netvigator.com/~hksts/conf.htm>.

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