

IRG activity report

IRG-01-2005

Sustainable Transport for East Asian Megacities (STREAM)

Activity report for Dec 2006 onwards (Activities up to Nov 2006 was submitted on 1 December 2006)

1. Presentation on the preliminary outcomes of the study by the IRG-01 Chairman, Prof. Shigeru Morichi at the Symposium organized by EASTS and Indonesian Transport Society in Jakarta on 11 December 2006.
2. A two-day international symposium/workshop was held in Tokyo (Auditorium of Graduate Institute for Policy Studies) on 18-19 December 2006. In the symposium IRG team members first made presentations on respective city case studies. Later, invited senior government officials and policy experts from different countries joined the panel discussion session and discussed the critical issues different cities are facing in regard with urban transport. The Symposium was attended by around 200 participants representing academics, government offices, research institutes and private sectors. The Symposium contributed to disseminate the information on the IRG-01 and, as result, generated a good deal of interest among policy makers on the practically relevant outcomes of the study. All the presentation files and summary proceedings of the symposium and workshop have been uploaded to the STREAM web site (<http://www.jterc.or.jp/~reserch/stream/>).
3. An invitation was made from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (Japan) to make a keynote lecture on the STREAM study at the 5th ASEAN-JAPAN STOM Leaders Conference held in Okayama, Japan on 26-27, 2007. IRG-01 General Secretary Dr. Surya Raj Acharya delivered the Keynote Lecture highlighting the rationale of the STREAM study and key outcomes. The research approach of STREAM, which emphasize in identifying the specific characteristics of Asian megacities and then working out practical solution considering the issue of appropriate timing of each policy measure was highly appreciated by senior government officials participating the meeting.

4. On the invitation of Asia Pacific Week Berlin 2007, IRG-01 General Secretary is going to make a presentation on STREAM study on the Urban Sustainability Conference to be organized in Berlin on 12 September 2007.
5. During EASTS 2007 conference in Dalian, IRG-01 is holding special sessions with eight papers. It is expected that the IRG session will further help to disseminate the study outcomes and seek comments and feedbacks from the broader group of conference participants.
6. Taking advantage of the physical gathering of most of the study members during the EASTS conference, an internal working meeting of IRG-01 team members and associated senior experts will be held in Dalian China during 28-29 September 2007. The meeting is expected to discuss the draft content of the final report in details.
7. By December 2007, it is planned to complete the manuscript of STREAM final report, which will then be compiled for a book publication (by March 2007).