

# IRG Activity Report

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## 1. IRG code and name of IRG

- 1) IRG code: IRG - 16-2010
- 2) Name of IRG: Intercity Transport in Asian Countries (ITAC)

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### 3. Purpose and Mission of IRG

Rapid economic growth and increasing trend of globalization of economy in Asian developing countries are creating huge transport demand, but transport infrastructures and services are grossly inadequate to respond such demand trend. The focus so far has been in urban transport issues, and intercity transport, which plays important role in shaping spatial development patterns at the national and regional level, and thereby determine structure and efficiency of overall transport system, has not received due attention for policy research. This research is to address the intercity transport issues which has potentially high risk of leading to unsustainable transport system in the future unless is addresses and shaped at this early stage. The research would provide an insight to the challenges in the developing countries and propose innovative policies taking into account the lessons from developed.

### 4. Achievements of IRG in 2010-2011

1) Paper, report and book: (Title, Authors, Year, Name of the Journal, etc.)  
 (Please include the paper(s) submitted to 2011 EASTS conference.)

#### Papers for 2011 EASTS conference

Date	ID	Name	Title
June 22, 2011	100485	Cheng-Min FENG	Lessons Learnt from Taiwan's High Speed Rail
	100505	Tara NidhiBHATTARAI	Intercity Transport System in Nepal and its Implication in National Development
	100519	Angelalia ROZA	Mode preference of intercity travel by stated preference method: a case study in Malaysia
	100532	Shigeru MORICHI	Strategic Perspectives on Intercity Transport Development in Asian Countries
	100556	Piti Chanruthai	Development of Intercity Rail Transport system in Thailand
	100550	Sutanto Soehodho	A Study on Intercity Transportation Mode Choice on Two Corridors in Java Island
	100599	Shengchuan Zhao	Developments and plans of intercity transportation system in China

Date	ID	Name	Title
June 22, 2011	100538	Surya Raj Acharya	Intercity Transport System in Japan: Issues and Lessons
	100605	Bayu Martanto Adji	Intercity bus transportation system and its competition in Malaysia
	100557	Young-In KWON	Intercity Land Transport System in Korea: Issue and Prospects
	100498	Raghu Dayal	Inter-City Passenger Transport – Trends and Issues
	100550	Sutanto Soehodho	A Study on Intercity Transportation Mode Choice on Two Corridors in Java Island
	100599	Shengchuan Zhao	Developments and plans of intercity transportation system in China
June, 21, 2011	100359	Trinh Van CHINH	Develop Alternative Fuel in Public Transport

2) Seminar, symposium and special session: (Title, Date, Venue & abstract)

*1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Intercity Transport in Asian Countries*

Nov. 5, 2010

Seoul, Korea

In general, developing countries have focused on the current transport system with the contemporary and possible future challenges that this sector may face. Developed countries, on the other hand, focused on the development of their intercity transport system and lessons that the developing countries could learn from their experience.

*2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Intercity Transport in Asian Countries*

March 11, 2011

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from

This is to introduce the progress of the research and its finding to all interested bodies. Analysis of the intercity transport issues based on data surveyed for this research and other relevant data collected from each country were presented. In this symposium contemporary intercity transport issues with their future implication, are put in figures. Institutional issues possible ways to of addressing the problems based on the experience of the developed countries are discussed.

3) Group meeting:

(Date, Venue & abstract)

*1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Nov. 6, 2010*

*Seoul, Korea*

The research team discussed the research plan and challenges are discussed. The data constrains and means to overcome it was thoroughly discussed, besides setting the details of the schedules of the tasks ahead.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: March 12, 2011*

*Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from*

Research team scrutinized over all progress of the research, by theme and by country specific level. The progress made in narrowing the data gap, are also discussed thoroughly before fixing the schedule for the next meeting with the tasks that should be completed before the meeting.

4) Result of application for the research grants:

(Name & result)

5) Promotional activities of your IRG:

(Homepage, Newsletter, Mailing list etc.)

## **5. Will you continue your IRG's activity after 2011 EASTS conference?**

**Please select the answer. (Yes)**

If you have an intention to complete your IRG, please submit a final report of the IRG based on original purpose and mission of the IRG. You can make the final report by free format.

Furthermore, please submit useful materials such as PowerPoint slides used at IRG's seminar if possible. The materials will be shown on the EASTS website.

## **6. Future research plan and including time frame with the following items:**

- Possibility to hold seminar and symposium (Date & Venue)

November 2011

Tokyo, Japan

- Special considerations to young researchers

Young researchers at universities are encouraged to be engaged by the research team members in the research activities, through providing financial assistance.