

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 2011-2012

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

▪ **Book:** *The research result is going to be presented in a book (edited volume; chapters to be authored by the IRG members). The book is going to be published by Routledge, an imprint of Taylor and Francis publishing group, UK (publishing contract has been already signed). The expected date of publication is April 2013.*

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 Chantruthai	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

- The experts from each of the 10 countries participated in the collaborative research have submitted a country report to ITPS (Institute for Transport Policy Studies).

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

1st 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.

2nd 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.

3rd International Symposium on Intercity Transport in Asian Countries
April 20, 2012
Tokyo, Japan

At this symposium the experts from each country presented discussed their final their findings at the presence of invited high ranking officials from relevant Asian countries. The government officials have given an opportunity to highlight the main challenges of the intercity transport system in their countries and reflect on the findings of the collaborative research. A panel discussion involving the high ranking officials was also held highlight the intercity issues, and the area that need further research.

3) Group meeting:
(Date, Venue & abstract)

1st 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.

2nd 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.

3rd Meeting: April 21, 2012
Tokyo, Japan

Research team held through discussion with high ranking officials on their collaborative research, and discussed major intercity issues one by one. The value of the research and the area that need further analysis to address the intercity issues were identified. The research team has on their part discussed how to incorporate the inputs of the high ranking officials, and make their available to the wider transport policy decision makers and relevant sectors. They have accordingly decided to publish a book on their collaborative research, and set time frame to complete the necessary work.

4) Result of application for the research grants:
(Name & result): NA

5) Promotional activities of your IRG:

All events including the research outcomes were publicized among relevant professional groups through email circulation.

5. Will you continue your IRG's activity after 2013 EASTS conference?

Please select the answer. (No)

The research is almost completed. We expect to organize a special session on the research result in 2013 EASTS Conference.

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

- The book is expected to be published in the early next year. We have plan to organize series of seminars to disseminate the research results.

- Special considerations to young researchers

Each senior member of candidate countries has been engaging younger researchers and graduate students to carry out country level research and prepare country report. They have also attended symposiums and workshops.