Application Form of EASTS IRG

Date of Submission: 2014/10/08

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Institutions for Railway Development in Asian Cities (IRDAC)

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4. Keywords (Maximum: 5 words)

Urban Transport, Asia, Urban Railways, Institution

5. Purpose and Mission of IRG:

Improving urban transport condition is one of the prime public policy agenda in Asian countries. Governments are implementing various policy measures but many cities faces worsening condition urban mobility. The special context of Asian cities, viz higher urbanization and rapidly increasing transport demand, makes urban railway an indispensable policy option. However, the institutional setup for investment and operation of urban railway is not well established in most developing Asian cities. The primary purpose of this collaborative study is to examine the cases of different Asian Cities and draw practical insights through comparative studies. The outcomes of this study would also be utilized to update the contents of IRG-1 Study (STREAM), which eventually contributes in providing insightful feedbacks to policy makers in Asia for timely and effective urban railway development.

6. Target year for completion (Research period is suitable within four years.): 2016

7. Research plan:

(Oct, 2014 - Sep, 2015):

- Collecting basic data on urban transport situation
- Undertaking questionnaire survey on urban railway institutions
- Special Session at 11th EASTS Conference.

(Oct, 2015 - Sep, 2016)

Analysis and finalization of Study Reports

- 8. Research funds:
- 1) Approximate Research costs (in \$US): 30,000
- 2) Expected sources of research funds (ex. ICRA (Research grant of EASTS). ITPS, Tokyo

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