

Application Form of EASTS IRG (International Research Group)

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<p>4. Purpose and Mission of IRG: The main purpose of the research is to suggest innovative policy strategies for development intercity transport system in developing Asian countries/regions¹ taking into account the special context of these countries/regions with due consideration to economic efficiency, regional balance and low-carbon issue. Specific objectives include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation and standardization of intercity transport data to produce internationally comparable data tables and relevant indicators • Investigate the structure of intercity transport system and mode-choice behavior, and explore underlying dynamics to generate future scenarios • Assess infrastructure needs and investment gaps for different modes to meet underlying objectives • Identify specific strategies and practical policy measures suited for Asian countries <p><i>1. List of country/region to be covered: Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Viet Nam, India, Nepal</i></p>
<p>5. Target year for completion (Research period is suitable within four years.): March 2012</p>
<p>6. Research plan: (2010 Sep. - 2011 Aug.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country specific data/information collection • Preparation of preliminary country report • International symposiums and research workshops (Nov 4-5, 2010, in Seoul; Mach 2011 in Tokyo) • Finalization of country report • Comparative analysis <p>(2011 Sep. - 2012. Aug.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis on thematic issues • Final Symposium/Workshop • Preparation of book manuscript