



EASTS Online Survey

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**Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies
(EASTS)**

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Summary

We thank all EASTS members for their continued support and contribution to our activities. EASTS Secretariat is making efforts to continuously improve EASTS activities. We had nine conferences after establishing EASTS in 1994 and more than 1,500 people become a member of EASTS. We understand EASTS is one of the most recognized research societies of transportation field in Asia. EASTS is still developing, but now going to the next stage. To this end, we conducted a brief online survey in order to understand the need and perceptions of EASTS members, particularly in the aspect of publication.

The survey consisted of 17 questions and conducted from 7 to 31 August seeking responses from EASTS members who have registered their email addresses. This report summarized survey responses from 176 EASTS members. The EASTS Secretariat highly thanks all respondents and appreciates their valuable feedbacks.

Summary of survey responses are as follows:

1. Main reasons to be an EASTS member are for attending the conference and publishing the paper in the journal.
2. Main reasons to attend the conference are for paper presentation,

people networking and discussion/communication.

3. Most members know Journal of the EASTS and Proceedings of the EASTS, but about 25% members do not know Asian Transport Studies (ATS).

4. 86% and 73% members evaluate ATS and Journals of the EASTS very good and good, respectively, but 54% only for Proceedings of the EASTS.

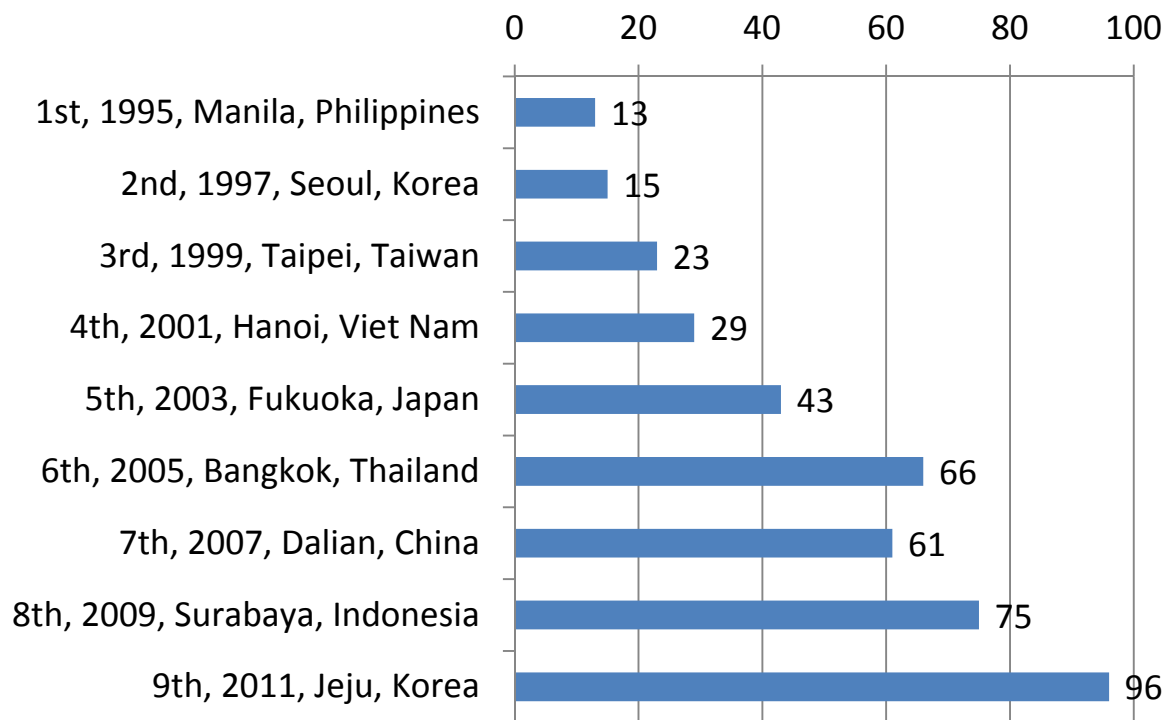
5. ATS and Journal of the EASTS are highly recognized as job promotion, PhD requirement and citation credit. Proceedings of the EASTS are also recognized as citation credit, but there many “nothing” recognition.

6. 69% and 58% members refer the papers of Journal of the EASTS and Proceedings of the EASTS frequently and occasionally, respectively, but 41% only for ATS. [Note: ATS publishes fewer papers than the other two.]

7. We have done some cross analysis by domestic society, but there are no specific results.

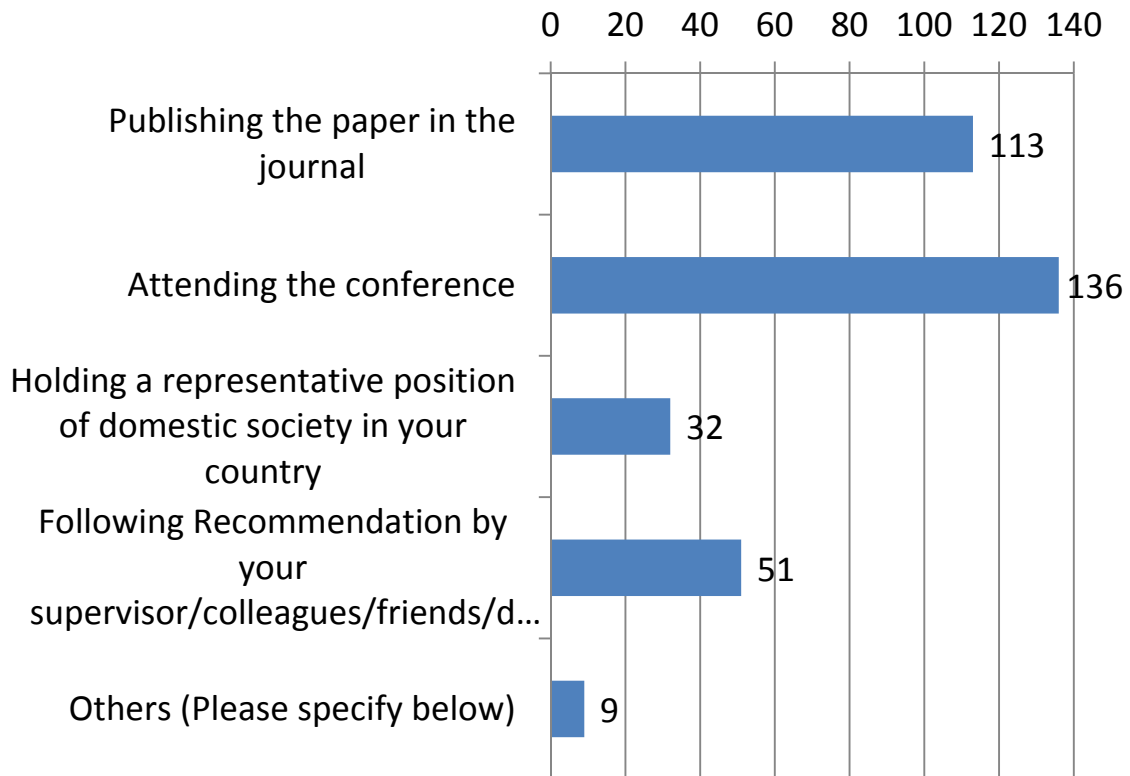
Q1. Which EASTS conference did you attend? (You may tick multiple items.)

(Number of respondents: 162)



Q2. What are the reasons to be an EASTS member? (You may tick multiple items.)

(Number of respondents: 173)

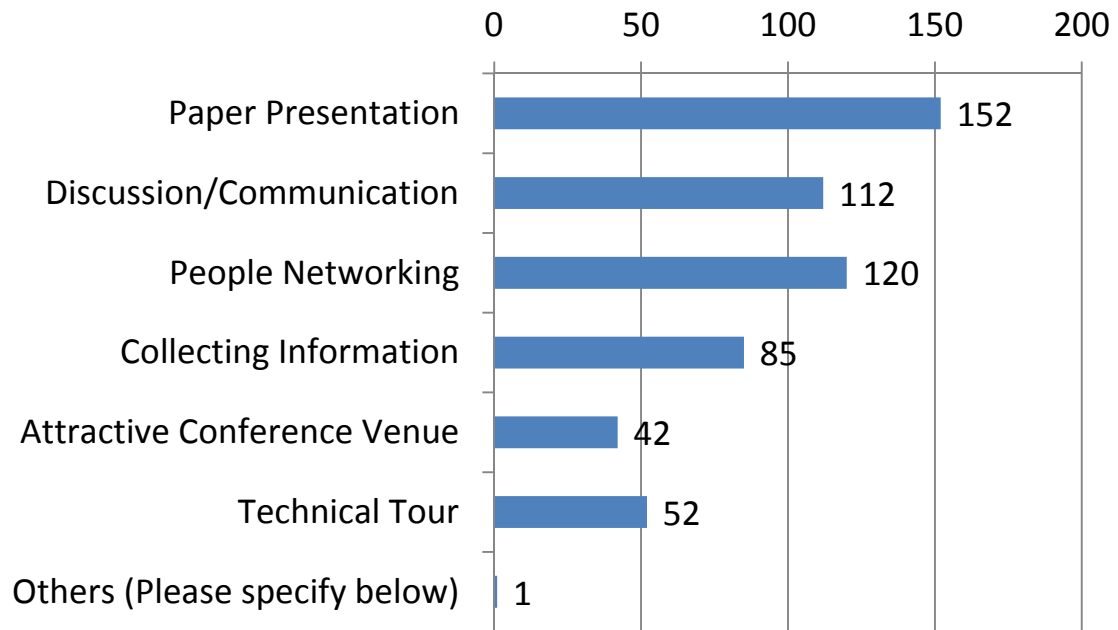


Others:

- Interest in continuing collaboration in the region
- organizing research meetings (side-events)
- People networking
- Professional credibility
- Follow-up transport studies in Asian region
- to get know of new research areas, an expert to share/gain more knowledge
- keeping abreast with new technology and developments

Q3. What are the reasons to attend the conference? (You may tick multiple items.)

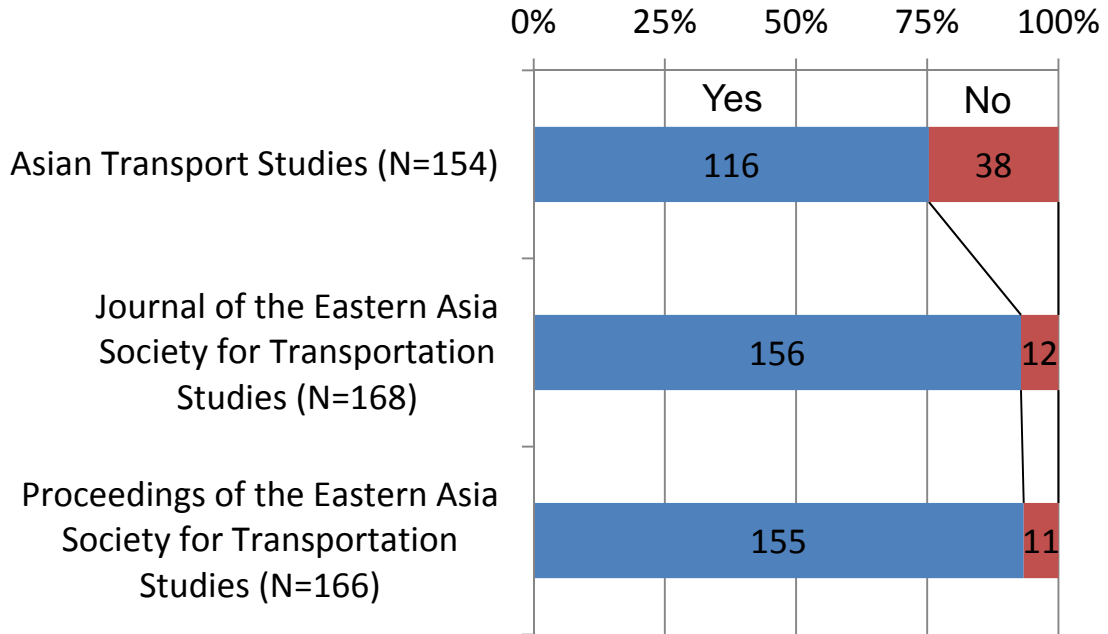
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Others:

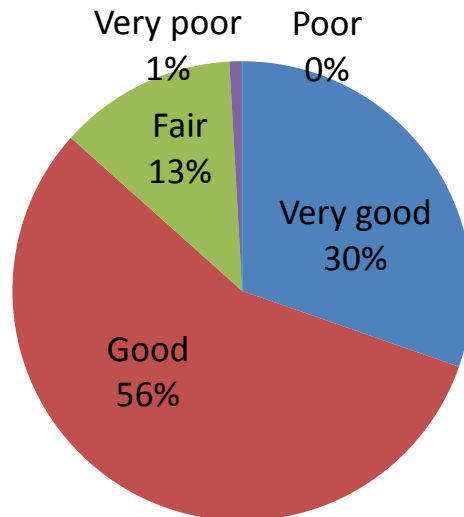
- getting my Doctor Degree

Q4. Do you know the following publications of the EASTS?



Q5. How do you evaluate "Asian Transport Studies"? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 112 among effective samples of "Yes" on Q4)



Reason for choice:

***Very good:**

- Mainly focused on Asian transport research studies.
- It has a very stringent refereeing process that makes it at par (if not better than) the best journals on transportation.
- Because the article to be published in the Journal is the best paper from many presented paper in the EASTS Conference.
- The quality is good comparing to other SCI journal.
- An outstanding quality Journal but very slow to get published and so it loses its momentum and excitement.
- The level is more or less other high ranking journals.
- Better than transport journal in my country.
- Asian Transport Studies has, without doubt, the highest 'rejection' rate of any transport journal, thereby representing extreme excellence in transport research.

- That is the best of selected papers for Journal of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies.

***Good:**

- In the transportation field, especially in Asia, I think this is a good start.
- Asian Transport Studies will bring broaden knowledge if the study envelopes all aspect in transportation, including sea and air.
- It is vitally important to encourage transport planning engineers in Asian countries.
- This has good quality, but low profile. It took a long time to edit.
- Many interesting papers are published in this publication.
- ATS is one of the few transportation journals around the world that is focused on Asian issues. Transportation considerations in Asia can be very different from that in Europe or in the United States.

***Fair:**

- Not popular.

***Very poor:**

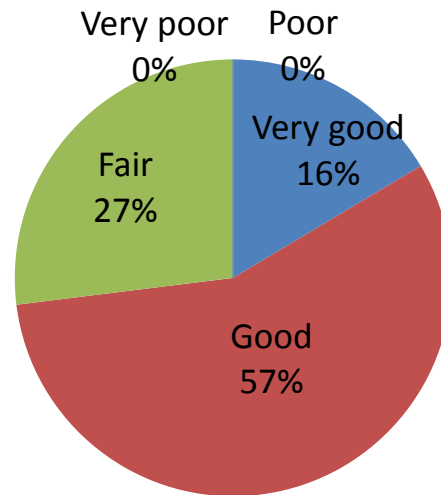
- No option of submitting papers without presentations at Conference is permitted.

***"No" of Q4**

- I have no experience of reading it. Therefore, it is nor proper to evaluate it.
- No information
- I have no idea of this, because my paper is not published
- No idea

Q6. How do you evaluate "Journal of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies"? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 152 among effective samples of "Yes" on Q4)



Reason for choice:

***Very good:**

- It has a very stringent refereeing process that makes it at par (if not better than) the best journals on transportation.
- Many kinds of topics and recently issues.
- This journal may bring more benefit if it is indexed in SCOPUS.
- It has very solid and consistent research papers.
- Better than transport journal in my country.
- The journal articles, with very few exceptions, are of very high quality, showing the breadth, rigour and innovation in the Asian transport research community. I have personally cited numerous articles from the journal in my own publications.

***Good:**

- In the transportation field, especially in Asia, I think this is good enough.

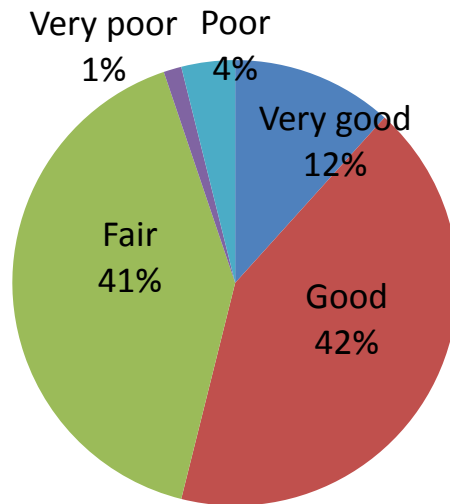
- We collect some information from the journal.
- The published papers in the journal have been reviewed rigidly.
- However, some publications are not so good at the quality. It makes a reduction for other good papers.
- Some usable papers are published.

***Fair:**

- The website holding the Journal should give me information on the peer-review process. More people would be interested in publishing with the Journal if the website would attest to the quality of the journal, as demonstrated by the peer-review process being implemented in the selection of papers for publishing.
- Good to be known to the public through the web-journal.
- Some papers without new-points or improvement were selected.
- As now, we have ATS inside EASTS journal. I don't think we have much space to increase the quality of EASTS journal.

Q7. How do you evaluate "Proceedings of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies"? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 160 among effective samples of "Yes" on Q4)



Reason for choice:

***Very good:**

- It provides information from various fields of transportation.
- Better than transport proceedings in my country.
- The proceedings have great value. And they are professionally put together (unlike many conferences!). But generally within my country conference proceedings are regarded as having slightly less merit than journals.

***Good:**

- It is a good and complete record/document of papers submitted to the EASTS conference. However, it should be very clear that this is the "Proceedings OF THE CONFERENCE of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies.
- In the transportation field, especially in Asia, I think this is a good enough. We could learn some useful knowledge.

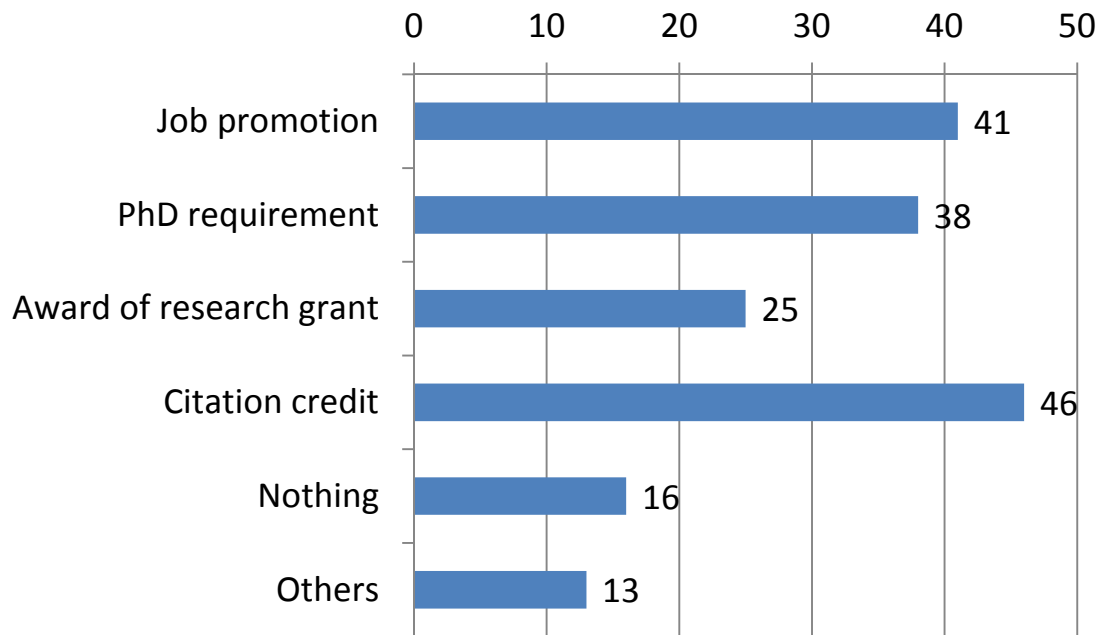
- The published papers in the proceeding have been reviewed and given many information and insight for the transport experience in the research and practical fields.
- See it as a quality accessible activity reporting medium for research groups.
- Useful to collect the information.
- However, some publications are not so good at the quality. It makes a reduction for other good papers.
- Some usable papers are published and presented.

***Fair:**

- The presence of these journals is yet to be recognized.
- It is necessary to have proceeding for some participants.

Q8. For what purpose does your institute/organization recognize the papers published in "Asian Transport Studies"? (You may tick multiple items.)

(Number of respondents: 116 in "Yes" on Q4)

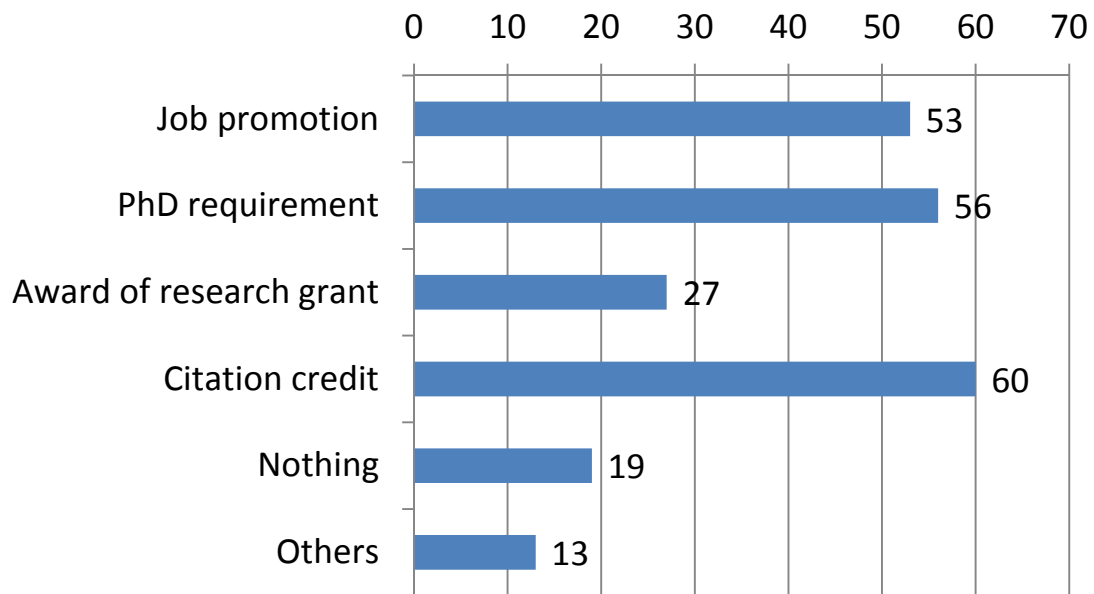


Special notice if any:

- At the moment no credit is given, but when this journal is indexed by ISI or SCOPUS credit will be given?
- Parts of publications.
- Academic and professional credibility.
- For contribution in the academic community.
- Asian Transport Studies is not yet listed on the Australian 'Excellence in Research Australia' (ERA) journal rankings. I personally helped champion the Journal of EASTS to ensure it made the list previously, but there is a need to ensure the new journal achieves at least the same status. This matters as other nations, including the UK and US are looking at publishing similar lists of 'preferred' journals for quality assessment exercises.

Q9. For what purpose does your institute/organization recognize the papers published in "Journal of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies"? (You may tick multiple items.)

(Number of respondents: 156 in "Yes" on Q4)

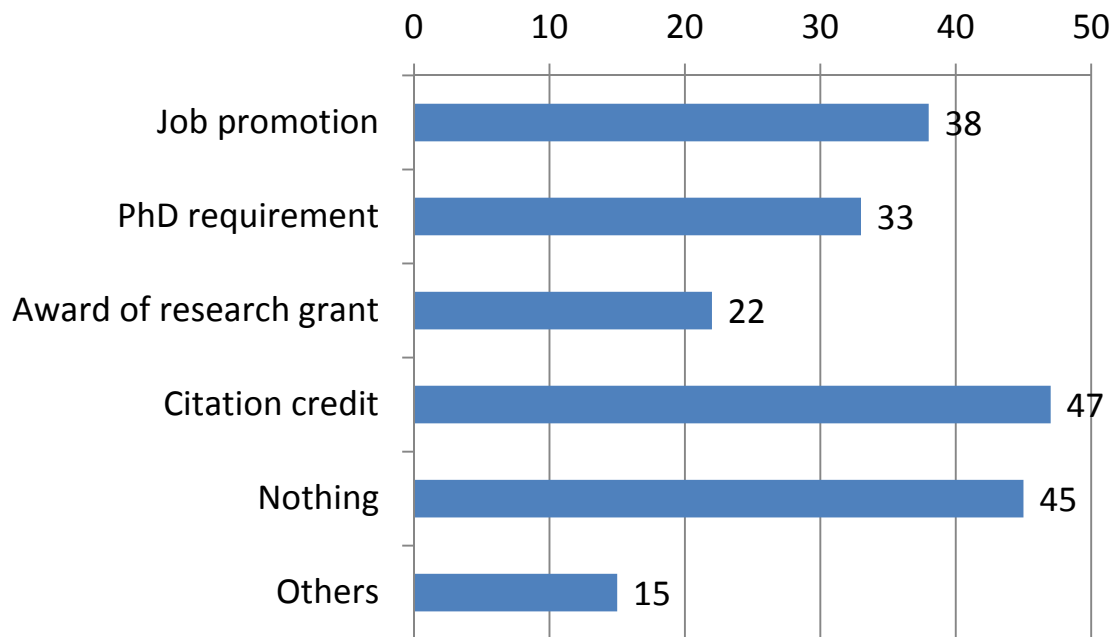


Special notice if any:

- At the moment no credit is given, but when this journal is indexed by ISI or SCOPUS credit will be given?
- Parts of publications.
- Academic and professional credibility.
- For contribution in the academic community.
- It is not recognized for PhD graduation in our institution.

Q10. For what purpose does your institute/organization recognize the papers published in "Proceedings of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies"? (You may tick multiple items.)

(Number of respondents: 155 in "Yes" on Q4)

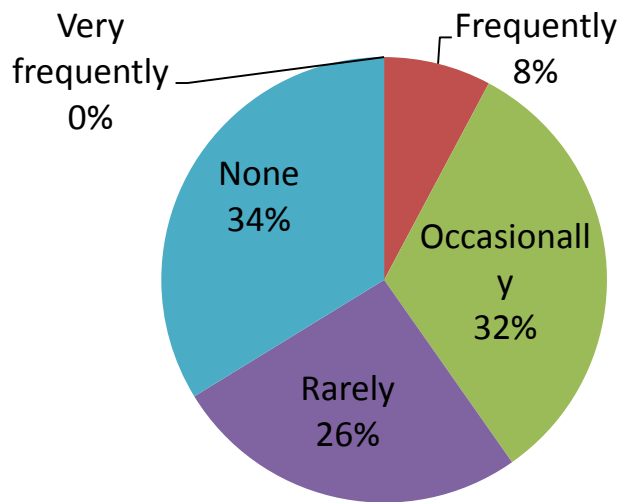


Special notice if any:

- At the moment some credit is given, because it is indexed by ISI as a conference proceedings (only certain volumes).
- Parts of publications.
- Academic and professional credibility.
- If an advisee has presentation, it is recognized as educational contribution.
- For contribution in the academic community.

Q11. How often do you refer the papers from "Asian Transport Studies"? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 154 in all respondents on Q4)

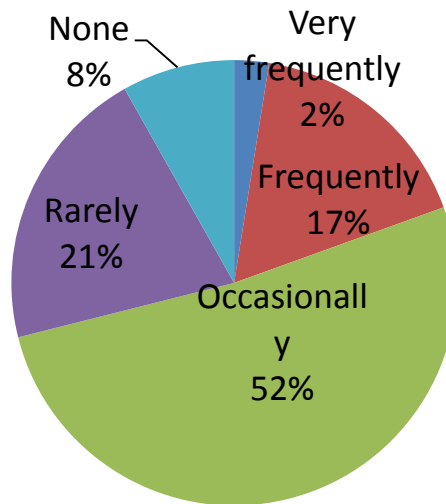


Special notice if any:

- My research area is related to airport, both system and pavement. It is difficult to find any paper related to my expertise.
- It is very difficult to access.
- It's so new and the papers are few - that's all.

Q12. How often do you refer the papers from "Journal of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies"? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 159 among effective samples on Q4)

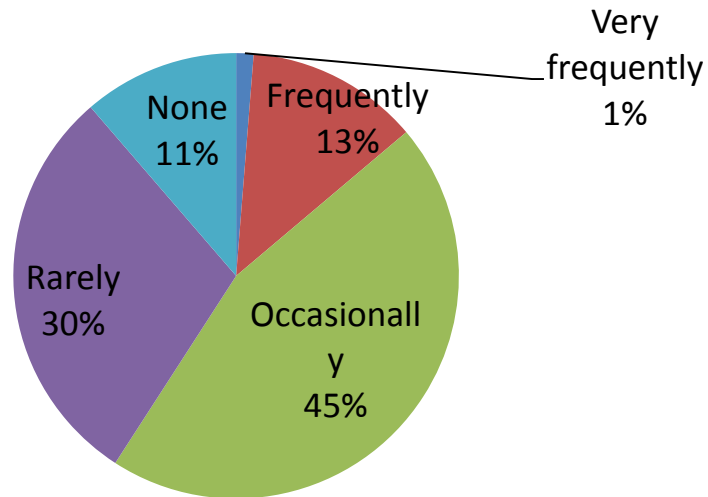


Special notice if any:

- My research area is related to airport, both system and pavement. It is difficult to find any paper related to my expertise.
- I have cited four or five Journal of EASTS papers by numerous authors in my own work.

Q13. How often do you refer the papers from "Proceedings of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies"? (Tick only one.)

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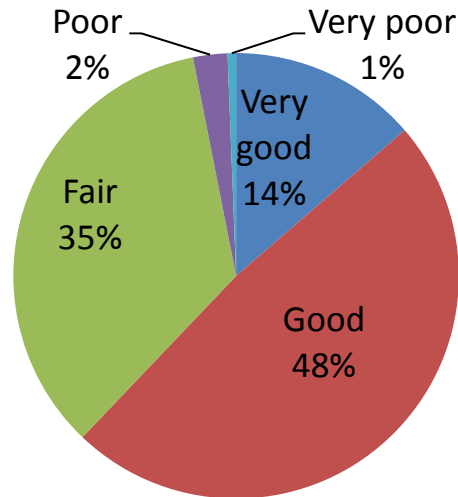


Special notice if any:

- My research area is related to airport, both system and pavement. It is difficult to find any paper related to my expertise.
- I tend to cite the Journal of EASTS papers, in preference to the conference papers.

Q14. What do you think about the review process of EASTS publications? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 161)



Reasons for choice:

***Very good:**

- Probably a bit extensive.
- Like other process for other high ranking journals.
- It is better than the review processes for most national transport conferences. I do think there is scope for improvement with a set checklist of key questions for reviewers to consider of the paper, as is now standard in other fields (i.e. health journal reviews).

***Good:**

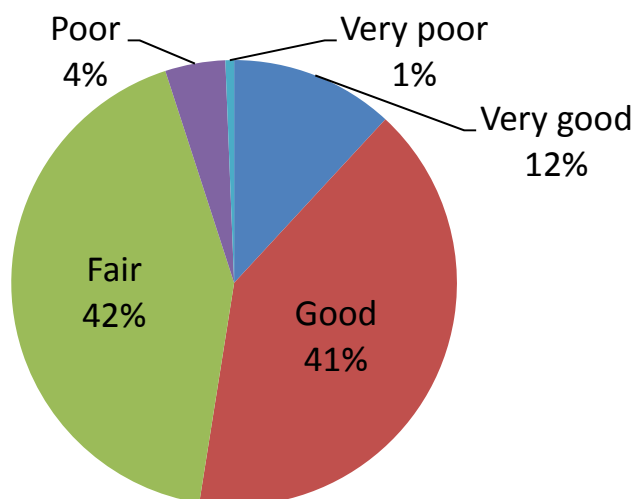
- The review process is very comprehensive. However, it can be improved by providing.
- I appreciate very much the reviewers.
- Need to suggest how to improve the papers or mistakes in papers.

***Fair:**

- Process itself is OK. Some reviewer did not review properly.
- Quality of reviews is poor although the review process is fair.

Q15. What do you think about the time-line (e.g. Notification of Accept/Reject) for EASTS publications? (Tick only one.)

(Number of respondents: 160)



Reasons for choice:

***Very good:**

- I have had nil concerns with your timelines.

***Good:**

- The most serious problem for the timeline is with respect to the timing of the conference. Therefore, as soon as the conference date has been set, the schedule of the review process should adjusted accordingly. If possible, the notification of acceptance should be made at least 2 months prior to the date of the conference, in order to assure the paper presenters enough time to make the applications for travel authority and financial support to their respective institutions.

- It is good enough

***Fair:**

- Not too long, not too short.

***Poor:**

- Call for papers announcement should be scheduled earlier

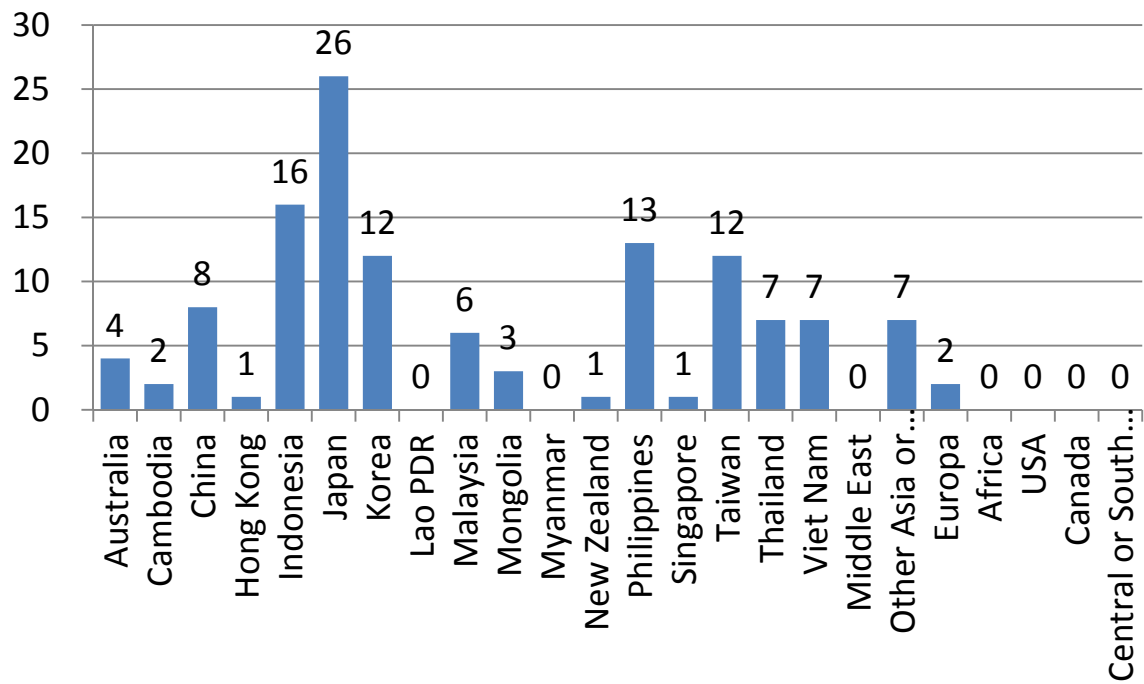
Q16. Please provide your personal details (Optional)

Number of respondents

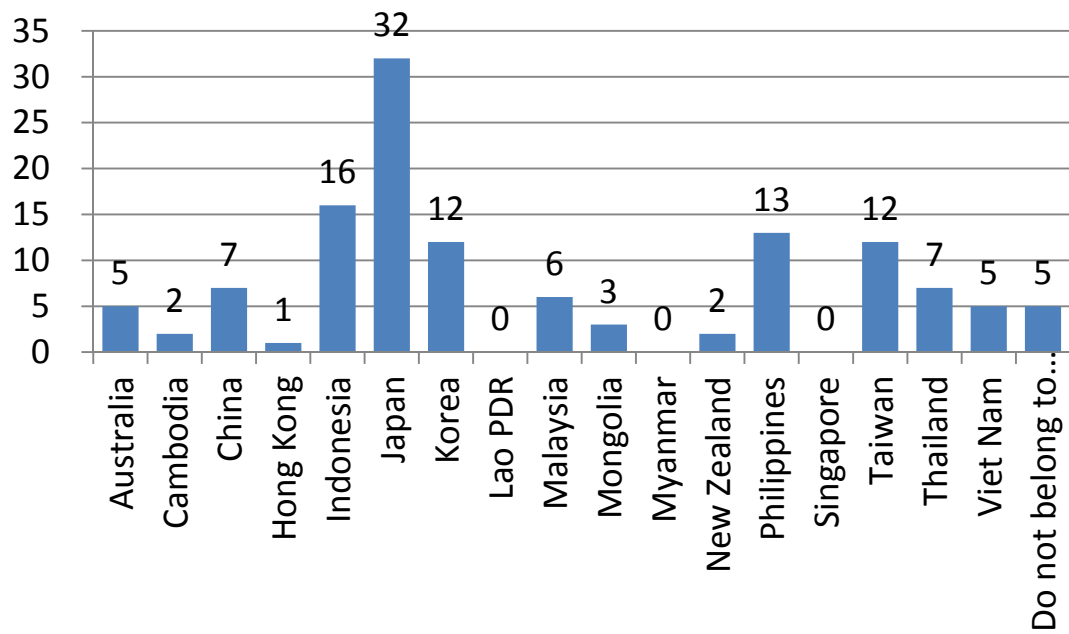
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- Affiliation : 51
- Position : 53

Q17. [Continuation] Please provide your personal details (Optional)

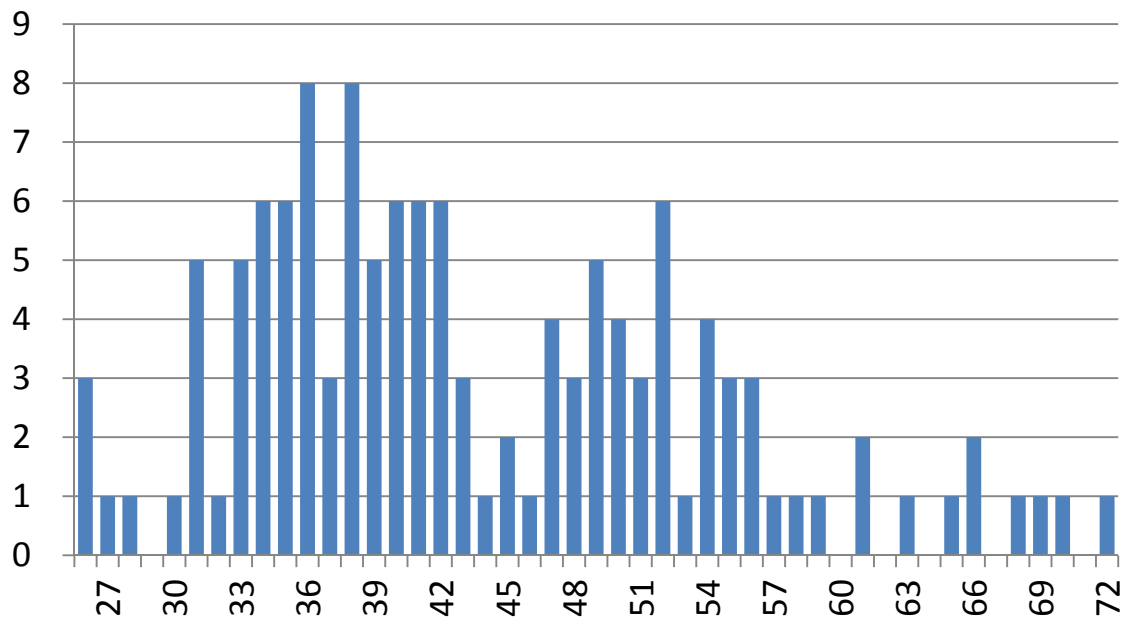
Nationality (Number of respondents: 128)



Domestic Society (Number of respondents: 128)



Age (Number of respondents: 127, Youngest: 26, Oldest: 72)



Gender (Number of respondents:)

- Male: 103
- Female: 26