

EASTS- ADBI-WCTRS COVID-19 Task Force Plenary on “COVID-19 and Transport Policy in Asian Developing Countries” (12th September 2021)

COVID-19 and Urban Transport Policy in Asian Developing Countries

Date September 12, 2021

Time 15:00-16:30 JST (GMT +9)

Co-Chairs Yoshitsugu Hayashi and Junyi Zhang, [WCTRS COVID-19 Task Force](#)

Outline

How can the transport sector help control the COVID-19 pandemic? How can the transport sector be recovered from the pandemic and re-built better after the pandemic? How can developed countries better help developing countries? Answering these questions is especially crucial in Asia, which include many developing countries.

WCTRS, ADBI and EASTS will jointly organize one of the three plenary sessions in [the 14th International Conference of Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies \(EASTS\)](#) in Hiroshima, Japan on September 12-15, 2021.

Focusing on COVID-19 and *urban* transport policy in Asian developing countries, this session will invite experts to discuss,

- (1) how has the COVID-19 imposed impacts on the transport sector
- (2) what our society had prepared for this pandemic,
- (3) what our society has taken measures to fight against the pandemic,
- (4) how to recover from the pandemic, and
- (5) how to rebuild our society better after the pandemic.

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Opening remarks

Dr. Yoshitsugu Hayashi
Prof., Chubu University, Japan
Chair, WCTRS COVID-19 Task Force

Keynote speech

“Shaping a resilient urban transport for achieving safe and sustainable mobility” (TBC)

Dr. K. E. Seetharam
Senior Consulting Specialist, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Panel discussion

Chaired by Dr. Junyi Zhang
Prof., Hiroshima University, Japan
Co-chair, WCTRS COVID-19 Task Force

Topics by panelists

1. *An India and road traffic perspective: Dr. Velmurugan Senathipathi, Chief scientist, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Central Road Research Institute, India*
2. *A Philippines and urban planning perspective: Dr. Hussein Sinsuat Lidasan, Prof., School of Urban and Regional Planning, The University of the Philippines*
3. *A South Korea and city logistics perspective: Dr. Jeusun Lee, Director of Logistics Market and Industrial Innovation, Korea Transport Institute (KOTI)*
4. *A Japan and interdisciplinary perspective: Dr. Hironori Kato, Prof., Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo; The editor-in-chief, Asian Transport Studies*
5. *A global perspective: Dr. Yoshitsugu Hayashi*
6. *An international cooperation perspective: Dr. K. E. Seetharam*

Closing remarks

Dr. Jaehak OH
President of the EASTS