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Presidential Note :

Masuo Kashiwadani, The 10th President of the ARSC

I have been appointed as the 10th president of the Applied Regional Science Conference for the two years of 2005 and 2006. The previous presidents are all outstanding and splendid scholars who played active and important roles internationally. Thus at first, I believed I did not deserve such a position and refused to take it. However, I have decided to humbly accept the position after considering that the offer of it means a mandate from the members to contribute to this academic society in my own way. I intend to tackle the management of the conference in a manner which incorporates various opinions and ideas in so far as possible. Here I would like to ask for your special cooperation to the development of this conference through your advice and guidance, and I will personally strive to contribute as much as I can.

It can be said that the 20th Century was the era of transportation. The appearance of the automobile as a machine marked the end of the 19th Century. Cars have a historical significance because their prevalence since the beginning of the 20th Century has greatly altered our way of life and the operation of industry. The airplane is another product of the 20th Century that has changed mankind's consciousness and the scheme of society. Such developments in transportation have tremendously altered the configuration of cities and regions and the relationship among regions, including that from an international standpoint. The birth and development of Regional Science is reflected in the reforms of transportation

systems which were rapidly promoted after World War II and the remarkable advancement of cities and regions along with them. In addition, computation technology, which has advanced simultaneously, has made a great contribution to the approach of spatial analysis. Looking back over the past years, study and research in this field seem to be rather simple, but actually have been strongly and steadily promoted, I believe.

Since the advent of the 21st century the circumstances of cities and regions, such as population growth stoppage or even decrease in advanced countries, and the destruction of the environment appear complicated and uncertain. Even in the field of Regional Science new objects of study and research, and methods of analysis are being seriously sought and considered. At first glance it is a seemingly difficult situation; however, this time of struggle with finding new methods for development is more important to academic study than a steady development. Fellow members of Applied Regional Science Conference gathered here today, and particularly our younger members, I certainly hope that your study and research will provide answers to these problems.

In regard to the practical management of this conference, fortunately we have reserve finances, and I would like to undertake the policy of promoting your further research and study using these funds.

In closing, it is my intention to contribute to the development of this academic field by obtaining many positive, lively opinions and ideas from all of you. Thank you very much.

2. Election Result for Vice President

The election of the Vice President of ARSC was held by the mail-in voting period ended on March 22, 2005. Professor Kiyoshi Kobayashi (Kyouto University) was elected. His term is from April 2005 to March 2007.

3. First Call For Papers: The 19th Annual Meeting of ARSC

The 19th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Professor Syunichi Maekawa (Meikai University), who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates:	December 10th and 11th, 2005
Place:	Meikai University
Member Fee:	Free of charge
Non-member Fee:	3000Yen
Deadline for Application:	September 5 th , 2005
Submission of Full-paper:	November 7 th , 2005

To present a paper at the meeting, please submit a sheet of A4/Letter-sized paper that lists the following information: (1) Speaker and co-authors (if any); (2) Title; (3) Abstract of around 100 words; (4) names of two or more prospective discussants, to the Organizing Committee.

The sessions will be organized under the following common subjects. However the topic of individual papers need not be restricted to those subjects. Besides the general sessions, the Thinktank sessions and the special session " Regions" will also be organized.

- * **Urban and Regional Analysis:** City and Regional Systems, Urban and Regional Redevelopment, Informatics and Urban Centers, Congestion Problems, Migration, Land Use, Urban and Regional redevelopment
- * **Transport:** Urban Transport Systems, Toll and Charge for Motorway, ITS, TDM
- * **Logistics:** Intraurban and Interurban Freight, Out-Sourcing
- * **Environmental Issues:** Environmental Taxation, Global Warming, Energy Analysis
- * **GIS**

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4 . Balance Sheet for Fiscal 2004

Credits	Budgeted, 2004		Settled, 2004	
	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$
1 . Balance brought	7,895,760	0.00	7,895,760	0.00
2 . Personal membership dues	4,275,000	2,100.00	3,936,617	0.00
3 . Fees collected for RSAI	849,000	0.00	656,930	0.00
4 . Corporate membership dues	1,250,000	0.00	900,000	0.00
5 . RUDS publication fees	1,300,000	0.00	1,500,000	0.00
6 . Meeting registration fees	400,000	0.00	1,109,000	0.00
7 . Financial support to the meeting	0	0.00	0	0.00
8 . Earned interest	0	0.00	38	0.00
9 . Sales of the Journals (back numbers)	0	0.00	171,829	0.00
10. Others	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Credits	15,970,360	2,100.00	16,170,174	0.00

Debits	Budgeted, 2004		Settled, 2004	
	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$
1 .RURDS publication costs	4,360,000	0.00	4,172,000	0.00
2 .ARSC journal publication	1,000,000	0.00	744,683	0.00
3 .Annual meeting costs	650,000	0.00	1,185,221	0.00
4 .Remittance to RSAI	849,600	0.00	0	0.00
5 .Membership directory	50000	0.00	0	0.00
6 .Printing costs	200,000	0.00	106,155	0.00
7 .Postage	150,000	0.00	216,480	0.00
8 .General administrative costs	760,000	0.00	721,548	0.00
Total Debits	8,019,600	0.00	7,146,087	0.00
Balance carried forward	7,950,760	2,100.00	9,024,087	

5 . Report of the ARSC Managing Committee

The first meeting of the ARSC Managing Committee was held on June 12th, 2005 , in Tokyo. The points of discussion are summarized in the below. If you are interested in some particular topics, please contact with the Secretariat by email.

- * Election of the Vice President (reported in this issue).
- * Balance Sheet of Fiscal 2004 (reported in this issue).
- * Publication of RURDS

The Ministry of Education, Japan Government, has decided to provide the financial support of ¥1,500,000 for the publication of RURDS of this year.

- * Publication of ARSC Journal

From this year, editing staffs of the Journal were changed as below.

Ryohei Nakamura (Chairman, Okayama University)
Asao Ando (Tohoku University)
Yoshiaki Osawa (Tsukuba University)
Makoto Okumura(Hiroshima University)
Tatsuo Kinugasa(Otemon-gakuin University)

- * ARSC Annual Meeting (reported in this issue)

6 . Report from Secretariat

(1) ARSC member counts

As of June 10, 2005, we have 450 personal members (377 ordinary members, 61 students), and 13 corporate members.

If you know someone who is interested in the fields of research related to regional science, whether personal or a group, please recommend them to join the ARSC. You can always obtain the application forms for personal membership from our Web site (<http://www.arsc.org/arscform-e.html>).