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## 1. Inauguration Address from the New President

**“Society trusted and selected by regional scientists”**

### Yoshiaki Ohsawa, The 17-th President of the ARSC

It is my great honor to be the president of ARSC for two years, 2019-2020.

I am from the University of Tsukuba. Since student days, I have received instruction from Prof. Noboru Sakashita (the first president), Prof. Koji Mera (the second president), Prof. Yoshitsugu Kanamoto (the 8th president), Prof. Takatoshi Tabuchi (the 12th president) and Prof. Ryohei Nakamura (the 14th president). Also, at conference presentation and workshops held at universities, I always received friendly guidance from Prof. Komei Sasaki (the 5th president) and Prof. Tatsuaki Kuroda (13th president). Therefore, it is a great honor to be the president of the ARSC. I would make my best efforts to ensure steady development of the ARSC, with the help from the vice president, members of the steering committee, and individual members.

Most local governments in Japan are facing social issues such as population decline, aging and financial difficulties. Policies in high-growth era, such as infrastructure development, have become obsolete. The ARSC, which was established in 1987, also faces similar problems such as member decline, member aging, and severe fiscal management. In the general meeting last year in Nagoya,

the deprecation of the international journal RURDS (Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies) was decided, which has published many outstanding research findings. Although the financial situation of the conference has been improved by that, the continuation of ARSC is threatened by the steadily decreasing number and aging of members.

A virtuous circle may have been formed among academia, industries, and governments. Responding to the 4th Industrial Revolution, Society 5.0, Smart City and Super City. This is a tailwind for the ARSC that places a significance on evidence-based policy making if we can manage to face technologies such as AI and Big Data. In the local areas, there is a demand for market-based structural transformation such as productivity improvement of local industries. By taking advantage of the market principles, local governments and industries can recognize the significance of the scientific society and promote the industry-government-academia collaboration.

There is a demand for talents who can lead the local regions and work between governments and private firms. One of the options, is to consider the ARSC as a saucer of re-learning of adult students (recurrent education). If the adult education effect is enhanced via conference presentation, it may not only lead to the growth of member number but also accelerate the diversity of the conference.

In the coming ARSC annual meeting to be held this fall at Saga University, we will establish the Early Bird Award to support the younger generation. In order to become a “society trusted and selected by regional scientists”, I hope in the general meeting at Saga, all of you can propose adventurous opinions and suggestions about the development of the ARSC.

## 2. Election Result for Vice President

The election for the Vice President of ARSC was held by the postal voting ended on March 15 2019. Professor Makoto Okumura (Tohoku University) was elected. His term, as a vice president, is from April 2019 to March 2021.

## 3. The 33rd Annual Meeting of ARSC

The 33rd Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Professor Yoshihiro Kameyama (Saga University), who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Conference Website: <<https://sites.google.com/view/arsc2019sagae>>

Dates: November 23-24, 2019

- Paper sessions are scheduled on November 23-24
- Early-bird sessions are scheduled on Saturday, November 23.
- Sakashita Prize lecture and the ARSC general meeting are scheduled on Saturday, November 23.
- Evening reception will be held on Saturday, November 23.

Venue: Saga Shrine Memorial Hall (Saga Jinjya Kinenkan)

<<http://sagajinjya.jp/kinenkan/>>

Registration Fee (not including the evening reception):

- 3,000 yen for ARSC members.
- 5,000 yen for non-ARSC members
- 1,000 yen for students (members/non-members)

Participation in the evening reception requires an additional fee.

- 5,000 yen for general (members/non-members)
- 2,000 yen for students (members/non-members)

Lunch:

You can have lunch at a convenience store near the main entrance of Saga university. On the other hand, we recommend that you make a reservation for a lunch box from the registration form since the school cafeteria is closed on the days of the meeting.

Session:

1. General sessions
2. Early-bird sessions:  
Research papers presented by Ph.D./Master course students.
3. Special sessions
4. Think-tank (practical) sessions

For the abstract submission and registration, please go to  
<https://sites.google.com/view/arsc2019saga/registration/form>.

For the abstract submission, please fill out the form with information(a~h) below for

- a. Name and Affiliation of Presenter
- b. Name and Affiliation of Joint Authors
- c. E-mail of Presenter and Membership number of the ARSC (please write 0000, if your ARSC status is still on pending in process.)

- d. Title (Either Japanese or English)
- e. Abstract (200 words in Japanese or 100 words in English)
- f. Language used at presentation (Either Japanese or English)
- g. Preferred Facilitator (Up to 2 people.)

Please enter at least one preferred facilitator.

- h. Sessions (“General sessions”, “Early-bird sessions”, “Special sessions”, “Think-tank (practical sessions)”)

Important dates:

Deadline for the abstract submission: September 15.

Conference program to be announced: October 20.

Deadline for full papers: November 4.

Deadline for registration: November 4.

Contact information:

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## 4. The 10th Asian Seminar in Regional Science

The 10th Asian Seminar in Regional Science will be held at Tsukuba International Congress Center, by University of Tsukuba (Tsukuba-city, Japan), from October 9 to 11, 2020, sponsored By the ARSC. Conference Homepage is coming soon.

Dates: October 9th – 11th, 2020

Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center  
2-20-3, Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0032, Japan

## 5. Call for Papers from the ARSC Journal

Morito Tsutsumi, Chief Editor

The editorial board of “Journal of Applied Regional Science” calls for papers to enrich the contents of our Journal. The Journal will be published once or twice a year. Our board is ready to receive your submission anytime and will assign some referees to each submitted paper. Contact

us, the editorial board, by E-Mail. (Address is below.)

(See ARSC Home-page, <http://www.arsc.org/en/index.html>)

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## 6. The Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year 2018

The Balance sheet for fiscal year 2018 is summarized below. Details will be reported in the next issue.

Millions of Yen

Credits		Debits	
Balance brought forward	371	RURDS publication costs	313
Membership dues	412	ARSC Journal publication	54
Others	1	Annual meeting costs	△8
		Remittance to RSAI	20
		General administrative costs	131
Total Credits	785	Total Debits	510
		Balance carried forward	275

## 7. Report of the ARSC Managing Committee

The first meeting of the ARSC Managing Committee was held on June 29th, 2019, in Tokyo. The discussed issues are summarized below. If you are interested in some particular topics, please contact the Secretariat by e-mail.

\* Election result for Vice President (reported in this issue).

\* Balance Sheet of Fiscal 2018 (reported in this issue).

\* Sakashita Prize

Members of the selection committee for the 2019 Sakashita Prize are shown below.

Yasusada Murata (Nihon University), Kakuya Matsushima (Kyoto University), Tomoya Mori (Kyoto University), Yoshiaki Ohsawa (ARSC President), Makoto Okumura (ARSC Vice President)

\* Editing manager of the ARSC journal reported that the journal No.22 will be published soon.

\* ARSC Annual Meeting (reported in this issue)

## 8. Report from the Secretariat



\* ARSC member counts

As of August 31, 2019, we have 479 personal members (413 ordinary members, 56 students, 5 oversea members), and 5 corporate members.

If you know someone who is interested in the research fields related to regional science, whether individuals or groups, please recommend them to join the ARSC. You can always download the application forms from

<http://www.arsc.org/en/arscform-e.html>.

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