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## Inauguration address from new president

**Kiyoshi Kobayashi, The 11th President of the ARSC**

It is an honor for me to become the 11th President of the Applied Regional Science Conference from 2007 to 2008. The great efforts of my predecessors have enabled the ARSC to reach the point where substantial activities can be maintained. I would like to manage the ARSC which adopts the various opinions of every member as much as possible. Under the guidance of everyone, I would like to contribute to the best of my ability for the betterment of the ARSC.

Nearly half a century has passed since the GATT-WTO system was established with an ideal, free trade regime. However, with the progress in globalization, the world economy developed into the regional blocks and it became obvious that the free trade regime is no more than a mere fantasy. Various scale economies work in the actual world. It is not the world where the pre-established market equilibrium materialized but the world where various strategies and policy are intricately intertwined. Especially since the area which Regional Science deals with, is the world featured in the economy of scale. I would like to

contribute to the elucidation of the various phenomena and the proposition of policy through the activity of the ARSC. In addition, the methodology to understand and analyze the complicated phenomena and policy problems seems to be dramatically improved.

Currently the analytical methods in the area of Regional Science have extensively developed. However, they seem to focus upon rather tractable and standardized problems and the models. I believe that it is important in the development of study to sustain the researchers' efforts in expanding the arena of Regional Science. Tackling new problems with the analytical methods developed thus far would be an example. I hope that there would be someone who engages in new research to overcome this situation. And I also hope that one of the members who attend the ARSC, especially among the young researchers, would be the one.

Although there is no room in financial standing, the ARSC remains in sound conditions. I would like to tackle the policy which promotes research to every member. With active participations of all members, I would like to manage the ARSC so that it could contribute to the research and development.

## **2. Election Result for Vice President**

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The election of the Vice President of ARSC was held by the mail-in voting period ended on March 25, 2007. **Professor Takatoshi Tabuchi** (Tokyo University) was elected. His term is from April 2007 to March 2008.

## **3. First Call For Papers: The 21th Annual Meeting of ARSC**

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The 21th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Professor Atsushi Koike (Tottori University), who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

**Dates:** December 8th and 9th, 2007  
**Place:** Tottori Kenmin-Bunka-Kaikan (Tottori City Japan)  
([http://www.torikenmin.jp/page\\_c.htm](http://www.torikenmin.jp/page_c.htm))  
**Registration Fee:** Members ; free Others ; 3,000yen  
**Deadline for Application:** September 7th, 2007  
**Submission of Full-paper:** November 8th, 2007

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 2006

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Credits	Budgeted, 2006		Settled, 2006	
	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$
1. Balance brought	9,150,418	0.00	9,150,418	0.00
2. Personal membership dues	4,375,000	2,100.00	3,818,945	0.00
3. Fees collected for RSAI	245,180	0.00	197,800	0.00
4. Corporate membership dues	1,200,000	0.00	90,000	0.00
5. RUDS publication fees	1,600,000	0.00	1,600,000	0.00
6. Meeting registration fees	30,000	0.00	719,000	0.00
7. Financial support to the meeting	0	0.00	0	0.00
8. Earned interest	0	0.00	3,269	0.00
9. Sales of the Journals (back numbers)	0	0.00	37,870	0.00
10. Others	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16,600,598</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>16,427,302</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Debits	Budgeted, 2006		Settled, 2006	
	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$
1. RUDS publication costs	4,720,000	0.00	4,282,752	0.00
2. ARSC journal publication	1,000,000	0.00	1,019,327	0.00
3. Annual meeting costs	650,000	0.00	1,621,696	0.00
4. Remittance to RSAI	245,180	0.00	296,682	0.00
5. Sakashita prize	121,000	0.00	121,200	
5. Membership directory	170,000	0.00	0	0.00
6. Printing costs	200,000	0.00	95,130	0.00
7. Postage	250,000	0.00	182,140	0.00
8. General administrative costs	710,000	0.00	720,558	0.00
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>8,066,180</b>		<b>8,339,485</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Balance carried forward	8,534,418	1,800.00	8,087,817	0.00

#### 5. Japan-China Joint Seminar on Applied Regional Science in Peking

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(1) Purposes

- To foster the exchange of ideas and research in the field of regional science between the scholars of China and Japan
- To aim at establishing a formal collaboration relationship between Applied Regional Science Conference (ARSC) and Regional Science Association of China (RSAC)

(2) Pertinent information is summarized below.

**Dates:** October 20th and 21th, 2007  
**Place:** Peking University (China)  
**Registration Fee:** 5,000yen (student 3,000yen)  
**Deadline for Application:** July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2007

To present a paper at the seminar, 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 200 words; (4) names of two or more prospective discussants, to the ARSC Secretariat.

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## **6 . Report of the ARSC Managing Committee**

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The first meeting of the ARSC Managing Committee was held on May 22th, 2007 , 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 e-mail.

- \* Election of the Vice President (reported in this issue).
- \* Balance Sheet of Fiscal 2006 (reported in this issue).
- \* Japan-China Joint Seminar in Peking (reported in this issue).
- \* Sakashita Prize

Members of the selection committee for the 2007 Sakashita Prize are shown as below.

Komei Sasaki, Atsuyuki Okabe, Masahisa Fujita, Kiyoshi Kobayashi,  
Takatoshi Tabuchi

- \* ARSC Annual Meeting (reported in this issue)

## **7 . Report from Secretariat**

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### **ARSC member counts**

As of May 15, 2007, we have 453 personal members (384 ordinary members, 57 students, 12 oversea members), and 11 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>).