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THE THIRD ASIAN SEMINAR IN REGIONAL SCIENCE

Theme
ASIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE: CROSS-FERTILIZATION OF IDEAS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AMONG THE SCHOLARS

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Organized by:
Applied Regional Science Conference
Chinese Regional Science Association – Taiwan
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BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

Since its conception in the 1950’s Regional Science, an interdisciplinary field of scholarly endeavor has seen many changes. The enhancement of knowledge and technologies and the growing of Globalization endowed several techniques of regional science and location theory less applicable.

Nevertheless, the changes brought upon the need for people from various fields that were not involved in Regional Science before, rendering the field truly multi-disciplinary. Initiated as a field of human geography, it winds up including people from varying disciplines such as engineering, planning, economy, geography and environmental studies. In a multidiscipline field such as Regional Science the exchange of ideas and research within the field is deemed to be necessary. It is this multi-disciplinary approach that helps to facilitate new theoretical insights for tackling regional problems. It fosters better codification of methods and exchange of frontier ideas. The combination of knowledge of an industry and knowledge of theory is inevitable if it is to establish credibility. For without it, efficient communication is restricted.

With recent trend in globalization and cross border activities, promoting international collaboration is essential. This joint seminar is set upon with the aim to serve as a platform for cross-fertilization of ideas among scholars and particularly to promote the exchange of ideas and research among Asian countries and regions. It is hoped that the exchange will further stabilize and foster in the near future for the benefit of all regions.

Topics of interest in this joint seminar on regional science include (but not limited to):
1. Spatial Economics
2. Economic Geography
3. Transportation
4. Asian Regional and Urban Problems
5. Regional Development
6. Location of Economic Activities
7. Housing
8. Regional and Urban Planning
9. Environmental Quality
10. Local Public Finance
11. Migration and Demographic Analysis

OBJECTIVES

Key objectives of the conference are:
- To foster exchange of ideas and research experience in the field of Regional Science among the scholars of Asian countries and regions.
- To establish a formal collaboration relationship among regional science associations in Asian countries.
- To promote interaction between researchers and policy makers of Asian countries.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?
- Regional science educators.
- Researchers in regional science, engineering, planning, transportation, economy, geography, the environment, etc.
- Professionals and consultants from the construction industry.
- Financiers, bankers, lawyers and policy makers.
- Graduate students
- Others normally associated with regional science

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English.

CONFERENCE VENUE

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- **Title:**
  The title should be short, preferably less than 15 words.

- **Author(s):**
  Provide contact details for the authors including names, surnames, organization/company, phone/fax no., e-mail and full postal address.

- **Keywords:**
  Provide up to 5 keywords.

- **Background:**
  Short summary of relevant background and problem addressed.

- **Objectives:**
  Define the “tangible and measurable” objectives of the work presented in the paper.

- **Methodology:**
  Describe briefly the methodology that you are using or have used to achieve your objectives.

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  Provide a short summary of the results.

**IMPORTANT DATES**
April 15, 2013  Deadline for submission of abstracts.
June 30, 2013  Deadline for full papers.

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