



EAAERE Newsletter

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President's letter

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to write my first letter as EAAERE President to you. At first, I would like to thank Professor Kazuhiro Ueta (Kyoto University), our founding President from 2010 to 2012. He is the key person who makes EAAERE's founding and start-up come true. Without his strong dedication and hard-work, there would not be EAAERE here to serve as a platform for our members and scholars and economists around the world to present research findings, as well as to exchange ideas and stimulate researches. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the members of our first Board of Directors and Officers. All of them are dedicated volunteers who have invested enormous amount of time and energy to enhance the capacity of our Association in the last two years.

As all of those who have attended our 2nd Congress held February 2-4 on the campus of Padjadjaran University in Bandung, Indonesia know this Congress is a great success and has set a new standard of our annual Congress. The scientific committee chaired by Prof. Akihisa Mori and the local organizing committee headed by Prof. Arief Anshory Yusuf deserve our sincere gratitude since they have done a great job of putting together a rich program in a comfortable city. In addition to outstanding keynote speeches, we have pre-congress events, parallel sessions, and our General Assembly. The most important thing is that the comfortable weather and the easy-going academic environment have made us very actively discuss ideas generated from speeches and papers during and after every session.

Issues relating to the environmental quality, biodiversity and natural resources in Asia, particularly in East Asia, concern us most. As the East Asia region has experienced high growth rates of the economy and population in previous decades, we have witnessed many serious problems of environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, natural resources depletion and unsustainable growth in the region. In addition, East Asia region is famous of its very diverse ethnic groups, culture heritage and socio-economic conditions. All of these make East Asia a very good place for conducting environmental and natural resource economic researches since we environmental economists can easily discover many unique problems, issues and cases worthy in-depth research. The results of researches have contributed greatly to the development of environmental and natural resource economics as a profession. I myself have benefited a lot from this research environment in the last three decades.

EAAERE is a young professional association of environmental and natural resource

economists. The members of the Board and Officers will devote ourselves to make the Association healthier and more vibrant in terms of annual congress, journal publication, scholarly exchanges, membership and financials in the coming two years. Environmental Economics and Policy Studies (EEPS), which is the official journal of our Association and the Society for Environmental Economics and Policy Studies, under the editorial leadership of Professors Hosoda and Akao, has published many good papers regularly. Since this year, regular members are entitled to access EEPS papers via website freely as one of member benefits. I would like to encourage you to publish your excellent research findings in this journal.

Please mark on your calendar the dates for our 2013 Congress which will be held Feb 20-22 (Wed- Fri), 2013, at the campus of Renmin University of China, Beijing, China. Let us thank Professors Ma Zhong of Renmin University of China and Professor Zhang Shiqiu of Peking University in advance for their willingness to generously devote their valuable time to organize the Congress. I look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, have a great summer.

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Recent News

I .The 2nd Congress of EAAERE was held in Bandung, Indonesia

The 2nd Congress of the East Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (EAAERE) was held at the campus of Padjadjaran University in Bandung, West Java, Indonesia in February 2-4, 2012. The Faculty of Economics and Business of Padjadjaran University hosted the Congress under the local organizing committee headed by Prof. Arief Anshory Yusuf of Padjadjaran University. More than two hundred participants from 15 countries joined the Congress and 97 papers and 5 posters selected carefully by the Scientific and Program Committee were presented. The Congress consisted of two pre-congress events, two keynote speeches and three keynote lectures and twenty four parallel sessions in addition to the General Assembly.

The pre-congress events held in Feb. 2 consist of Deans' Round Table and Indonesian Environmental and Resource Economics Forum, both for strengthening the education and the research of the environmental and resource economics and management in Indonesia. At Dean' Round Table, chaired by Prof. Ernie Tisnawati Sule, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Padjadjaran University, Indonesian environmental and resource economists discussed the Environmental and Resource Economics and Management Education in Higher Education Institutions in Indonesia. In the afternoon of the same day, the Indonesian environmental and resource economists held the forum, titled, "Indonesian Environmental and Resource Economists: Gaps and Expectations." At the Forum three Indonesian government officials presented their papers, regarding the role and approaches to National Development Planning and Environmental Management in Indonesia of the

environmental and Resource Economics. Prof. Budy Resosudarmo and Prof. Akhmad Fauzi presented their papers regarding the research and education of environmental and resource economics, respectively. And then the open forum was followed by the presentations.

In Feb. 3, The Congress began with the opening ceremony, after which two keynote talks were followed in the plenary session chaired by the Prof. Akhmad Fauzi, Bogor Agriculture University, Indonesia. Professor Emil Salim, University of Indonesia, gave the keynote speech, titled, "The Economics Paradigm in Sustainable Development. He was the first Minister of Environment in Indonesia. Professor Tomas Sterner, Gothenburg University and a fellow, Resources for the Future, gave the keynote lecture, "The Design of the Environmental Policy Instruments: Efficiency, Informational Requirements and Political Feasibility. Prof. Sterner is a former President of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists. In addition to these talks, Dr. H. Ahmad Heryawan, the Governor of the West Java Province, also gave a special talk to the members of EAAERE, titled, "Environment and Economic Development in West Java Province. This talk was made at the dinner party held in the Governor's residence.

Two more keynote lectures were given at the second plenary session in Feb. 4, chaired by Prof. Zenaida Sumalde, University of the Philippines. Prof. Kazuhiro Ueta, Kyoto University and the first President of EAAERE, gave the keynote lecture, titled, "A Comparative Cost Analysis of the Electricity Generation. He introduced the new cost concept of the Nuclear power generation which shows Nuclear power generation is not as cheap as is generally known. Dr. Herminia Francisco, Economy and environment Program for Southeast Asia, also gave the lecture, "Environmental Issues in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Research Needs." All participants participated in the discussion of many issues related Environmental and Resource Economics during the Parallel sessions. These consisted of a variety of topics, including Climate Change, Valuation, Sustainable Development, Policy Instruments, Pollution and Recycling, Food and Agriculture, etc.

The General Assembly of EAAERE, chaired by Prof. Orapan Nabangchang, was also held at the end of the Parallel Sessions in Feb. 3. Prof. Il Chung Kim, VP and the chair of the election committee, introduced the election procedure and voting results for the new auditors and directors for the years 2012-13 and proposed to the General Assembly nominees of 2 new Auditors and 15 new BOD members for approval. This proposal was approved by the attending members. In addition Prof. Zenaida M. Sumalde, the treasurer, reported business report and financial statement during FY 2010 and 2011 to the General Assembly. Prof. Akihisa Mori, the secretary general, also presented a proposal on business plan and budget during FY 2012 to the General Assembly. All the attending members approved these reports and the plans for business and budget.

Prof. Ken'ichi Akao, the new Managing Editor of the journal, reported the BOD's decision that *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies*, the official journal of the Society of Environmental Economics and Policy Association has become the official journal of the Association, and that the journal subscription fee is included in the member dues for the year 2012. Finally Prof. Akihisa Mori called for new membership as well as continuing membership, and announced the method of paying annual dues.

II. Two BOD Meetings were held and made decisions on some important agenda during the 2nd Congress

Two Board of Directors (BOD) meetings were held and discussed several agenda during the 2nd Congress of EAAERE. It should be noted that while the first meeting was proceeded by the directors of the first terms, the second meeting by the newly elected ones. After the long discussions and voting processes, the BOD meetings made the decisions on some important agenda, such as officers, period and venue of the 2nd Congress, In-between Congress Symposium, Journal, and Membership Fees, Homepage, and Biannual Newsletter, etc.

1. Agenda and the Results of the 1st BOD Meeting

The first meeting, chaired by the Prof. Mori, was held in the evening of Feb. 2, 2012 at the Dakken Restaurant in Bandung. Ten directors participated in the meeting and Ken'ichi Akao , new Managing Director of the journal, and Orapan Nabangchang joined the meeting as observers. The important agenda and decisions made are as follows:

Nominees for the New Directors and Auditors of the years 2012-13

Prof. Il-Chung Kim, the VP and Chair of Election Committee, reported the procedure and the result of election of the new candidates for directors and auditors of 2012-13 to the BOD members. He established the Election Committee which consists of six Election Committee Members representing each country/region, Profs. Hosoda Eiji, Oh Sang Kwon, Orapan Nabangchang, ZENAIDA M. Sumalde, Lih-Chyi Wen, Shiqiu Zhang. Dr. Shaw and his colleagues, Mr. Daniel Chu and Mr.Tiong Chen Soh carried the voting process through Website Ballot in the EAAERE Homepage.

88 EAAERE members out of 148 regular members have participated in the vote for electing the directors and auditors, for the period between Dec. 16 and Dec 25 which shows the participating rate is 59.46% The EAAERE members in China, Korea and Japan have voted for “Agree” or “Disagree” for the three nominees recommended by Election Committee Members representing their countries. The members in China and Japan have also voted for nominating the two auditors representing their countries. However the EAAERE members in the South Eastern Region and Taiwan have voted for electing three nominees for directors by majority vote. The Election Committee Member of South Eastern Region recommended 4 candidates for vote and Taiwanese Committee Member recommended all Taiwanese EAAERE members as candidates for vote.

Prof. Kim proposed to the Board to suggest to the General Assembly the following fifteen nominees for the director and two nominees for the auditors of 2012-13, respectively, based on the election result. All attending directors approved this proposal.

Nominees for Directors

Ken'ichi Akao, Waseda University
Hsiao-Chi Chen, National Taipei University
Young Sook Eom, Chonbuk National University
Helmi Francisco, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia

Il-Chung Kim, Dongguk University
Oh Sang Kwon, Seoul National University
Zhong Ma, Renmin University of China
Akihisa Mori, Kyoto University
Orapan Nabangchang, Sukhothai Thammatirat Open University
Budy Prasetyo Resosudarmo, Australian National University
Daigee Shaw, Academia Sinica
Kazuhiro Ueta, Kyoto University
Jinnan Wang, Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning
Lih-Chyi Wen, Chung Hua Institution for Economic Research
Shiqiu Zhang, Peking University

Nominees for Auditors

Jing Cao, Tsinghua University
Shun'ichi Teranishi, Hitotsubashi University

These nominees were proposed to and approved by the EAAERE members at the General Assembly.

Other Agenda

The chair reported business report and financial statement during FY 2010 and 2011 to the Board, together with the Independent Auditor's report and also made a proposal on business plan and budget during FY 2012 as on separate sheet to the Board.

Eiji Hosoda, a director in charge of journal, together with Ken'ichi Akao, made an announcement that *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies* has become the official journal of the Association, and proposed that the journal subscription fee is included in the member dues for the year 2012.

All attending members approved these proposals with some correction.

2. Agenda and the Results of the 2nd BOD Meeting

The second meeting, chaired by the Prof. Mori, was held at noon of Feb. 4, 2012 at the Meeting Room, Faculty of Economics, Padjadjaran University. Eleven newly elected directors participated in the meeting. The agenda and decisions made are as follows:

Appointment of the Representative of Directors and Officers

The chair stated the necessity of successor of Representative of Directors, Kazuhiro Ueta, since he resigned this position after the closure of the regular General Assembly on February 3rd, 2012. All attending members of the Board elected the following directors as Representatives of Directors.

Representative of Directors/ President: Daigee Shaw

Representative of Directors/ Japanese Judicial Affairs: Akihisa Mori

All attending members of the Board elected the following directors as Vice Presidents.
Vice President (in charge of newsletters and election): Il-Chung Kim
Vice President (in charge of journal and web): Budy Prasetyo Resosudarmo

President Daigee Shaw nominated the following directors as Treasurer and Secretary-General to the Board. All attending directors approved this nomination.

Treasurer: Young Sook Eom
Secretary-General: Akihisa Mori

Next Congress

All attending directors decided that the 2013 Congress to be held in China in February 2013.

III. The 3rd Congress will be held in Beijing, China

The 3rd Congress will be held in Beijing, China in Feb. 20-22 (Wed-Fri), 2013. Professors Ma Zhong of Renmin University and Zhang Shiqiu of Peking University will host the Congress. Detailed program including time schedule and venue will be posted at the homepage of the EAAERE later.

IV. Annual Membership Fees

EAAERE calls for the members to pay the annual membership fees. Board of Directors decided to continue the following dues as the standard rates for the FY 2012/13.

- \$15 (or JPY 1,350) for annual income less than \$15,000
- \$30 (or JPY 2,700) for annual income between \$15,000 and \$30,000
- \$60 (or JPY 5,400) for annual income between \$30,000 and \$60,000
- \$90 (or JPY 8,100) for annual income \$60,000 and above

The credit card (VISA and MASTER) and checks can be used as the method of payment.