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President's message -



Dear KOTAA members,

It has been my great pleasure in serving you during the past two years as President. I believe, the KOTAA has become The Organization for Korean transportation professionals in U.S. and beyond. It has become a tradition for us to meet in the Tuesday evening of the annual TRB meeting at Washington, D.C.

The TRB meeting is a very important meeting for all of us to actively participate. We have to give presentations, attend sessions, and participate at committee meetings. In addition, we have to go to many hospitality suites to gather up-to-date information on new products and technologies from various private companies. As a result, the TRB meeting leaves little time for us to enjoy our friends, especially Koreans living in U.S. and visiting from Korea. Our KOTAA meeting is The Place where Koreans can find their Korean friends to renew their relationship and make a new relationship. Anyway, isn't the life all about meeting friends, good (more) and bad (less).

Undoubtedly, Our biggest accomplishment this year is an initiation of the travel grant program for Korean students in America and beyond (next to having our secretary married). The selection committee was pleasantly surprised with overwhelming interests from Korean students, all attending universities in U.S. Please spread the words of a travel grant to the

end of earth so that KOTAA can help a Korean student studying in Timbuctoo who has a paper to present at the TRB meeting but cannot afford to attend the meeting. Especially, I would like to thank Dr. Hahn of KOSEN who provided a financial support for this year's recipients.

Someday, I would like to say, "Yes, I am coming to Washington, D.C. in January to attend the KOTAA meeting, not the TRB meeting."

Hosin "David" Lee, President
KOTAA

Annual Meeting

The 13th KOTAA Annual Meeting will be held at "Blue Room" Shoreham Hotel on Tuesday, January 15th, 2002 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Dinner will be followed at the Thai Town restaurant (same as last year).

KOTAA Travel Grant

Beginning from year 2002, KOTAA is pleased to award KOTAA Travel Grant to all Korean graduate students over the world. Through this grant, KOTAA is expecting to encourage Korean students for their study as well as future career.

The following students are the year 2002 KOTAA Travel Grant recipients (the names are in last name alphabetic order).

1. Eungcheol Kim
University of Maryland at College Park
2. Yongjin Kim
University of Texas at Austin
3. Yeongjun Kweon
University of Texas at Austin
4. Kitae Nam
University of Wisconsin - Madison
5. Cheol Oh
University of California at Irvine
6. Hee Mun Park
North Carolina State University
7. Youngguk Seo
North Carolina State University

KOTAA would like to send special appreciations to Korea Scientists & Engineers (KOSEN) for their donation for KOTAA Travel Grant.

KOSEN, managed by Korea Institute of Science & Technology Information (KISTI) and funded by Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), is a cyber space to promote information exchange between Scientists and Engineers around world. KOSEN has been a great community since it opened in July of 1999. Now KOSEN has thirteen thousand members from about forty countries, and updates more than 400 pieces of information per week. Please visit their website at <http://www.kosen21.org>.

Upcoming Conferences

The 7th International Conference on Applications of Advanced Technology in Transportation (AATT) will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA during August 5th - 7th, 2002.

The IEEE 5th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems will be held in Singapore, Singapore during September 3rd - 6th, 2002. (<http://www.ieee.org/itsc/2002>)

Member Notes

Mr. Jun-Seok, Oh (University of California, Irvine), has successfully completed his Ph.D defense. The dissertation title is "Dynamic Route Guidance and Network Traffic Management: Theoretical Evaluation and Practical Application Issues".

Mr. Eungcheol Kim (University of Maryland at College Park), has successfully completed his Ph.D defense. The dissertation title is "Modeling Intersections and Other Structures in Highway Alignment Optimization".

Ms. Seri Park (University of California, Irvine), has been selected as one of the recipients of the Helen M. Overly Scholarship from Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) National of the year 2001.

Financial Status

Membership dues
- General (\$35/year), Student (\$15/year)

Fiscal Year of 2001 (Feb. 2000 - Jan. 2001)	
Revenues	\$6,546.22
Last year	\$2,081.22
Dues/Donations	\$4,465.00
Expenses	\$1,203.24
Dinner	\$1,173.25
Meeting material (copy)	\$29.99
Balance (February 2000)	\$5,342.98

Revenues Detail

USA

General Membership : \$510
Student Membership : \$435
Donation : \$955

Korea

General Membership : \$665
Donation : \$1,900

Membership Dues and/or Donations received (YR2002, not yet included)

Kim Sangook (\$35), Eungcheol Kim (\$15), Seri Park (\$15), Cheol Oh (\$15), Yongjin Kim (\$15), Youngguk Seo (\$15)

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Sung, Myung-Hak (Gannett Flemming)

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