



# NEWSLETTER - Korean Transportation Association in America

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## President's Message -

Dear KOTAA members,

It is hard to believe that my two-year presidency is already coming to an end. Experts in time management say that one must begin with the end in mind. At the beginning of my presidency, the 2003-04 KOTAA staff envisioned a financially sound KOTAA Travel Grant by the end of our term that would not require delving into the base fund every year. I am pleased to report to you that we have accomplished that goal.

As you might remember from the annual meeting in January 2003, we received a significant donation (\$18,100) from the Korean Society of Pavement Engineering (KOSPE). Although the Korean economy was not particularly good at that time, a number of companies and individuals nonetheless donated graciously. In addition, the Korean Institute of Construction Technology (KICT) and the KOSPE have pledged another \$9,000 donation to be presented at the 2004 annual meeting. Based on the work of last term's KOTAA staff, the Korean Scientists and Engineers (KOSEN) also decided to donate an annual contribution of \$900. Finally, the Korean Society of Transportation (KST) has agreed to give the KOTAA about \$2,000 a year. The donations from KOSEN and KST represent annually recurring commitments which will provide a steady increase for the Travel Grant fund. Given the growing number of applications and increasing travel costs, these pledges are

also most welcome. We are exceptionally grateful for all these generous contributions and for the people who have recognized the tremendous benefits of the KOTAA Travel Grant fund.

During this fundraising effort over the last two years, I have met many Korean transportation engineers and administrators. I must tell you that these Korean colleagues clearly recognize the importance of our presence and mission. I believe that the KOTAA has grown into a mature organization of which we should feel proud to be a part. With your continuing support, we can make an even greater impact on the professional careers of all the members, on the advancement of transportation engineering in Korea and America, and on the betterment of future generations of Korean-American transportation engineers.

In closing, I appreciate the solid foundation the previous KOTAA presidents have established. Without that foundation, we could not have had the success we have enjoyed over the last two years. Also, my thanks go to the current KOTAA staff members for their endurance of endless e-mails and my charges. I must acknowledge the great effort put in by our secretary, Mrs. Seri Park. We talked, but she did most of the work. She has given her time graciously and willingly in the midst of her busy schedule as a student, as a new wife, and as a new mother. I appreciate her work.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you and to enjoy fellowship in the coming years. Wishing you the very best for 2004, I remain

Very truly yours,

Youngsoo Richard Kim, Ph.D., P.E.  
KOTAA President for 2002-03  
Professor of Civil Engineering  
North Carolina State University

### Annual Meeting

The 15th KOTAA Annual Meeting will be held at "Delaware A" Marriott Hotel on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

### KOTAA Travel Grant

Beginning from year 2002, KOTAA has awarded Travel Grant to Korean graduate students attending the TRB meeting from all over the world. Through this grant, KOTAA wishes to encourage Korean students for their study as well as to enhance technical understanding and relationships for their future career development.

The following students are the year 2004 KOTAA Travel Grant recipients (the names are listed in the alphabetic order by the last name).

1. Sangho Choo  
University of California, Davis
2. Kyeong - Pyo Kang  
University of Maryland
3. Kibeum Kim  
Polytechnic University
4. Wansoo Kim  
North Carolina State University
5. Joonho Ko  
Georgia Institute of Technology
6. Young - Jun Kweon  
University of Texas, Austin
7. Jae - Joon Lee  
North Carolina State University
8. Kitae Nam  
University of Wisconsin, Madison

9. Cheol Oh  
University of California, Irvine
10. Kyungwon Park  
University of Rhode Island
11. Minyoung Park  
University of California, Irvine
12. Nokil Park  
Florida International University
13. Ilsoo Yun  
University of Virginia

KOTAA would like to express special appreciations to Korean Society of Pavement Engineering (KOSPE), Korean Scientists and Engineers (KOSEN), and Korean Society of Transportation (KST) for their generous contributions toward the KOTAA Travel Grant.

### KOTAA Travel Grant Donation

#### Y 2001

Name	Donation (\$)
Lee H. David	165
Sung Myung-Hak	165
Yun Seong Soon	65
Kim Y. Richard	465
Park B. Brian	65
Kwon Eil	15
Nam Do	15
Kim Hyung Bae	5
Cho Yong-Joo	165
Cha Dong Deuck	165
Son Bongsoo	15
Kwon Yeong Jong	5
Kim Kyung Seok	15
Jo Sijong	265
Oh Euegene	65
Chang Myung-Soon	1,005
Kang Kyung Woo	15
Lee Young-In	100
Choi Keechoo	15
Oh Young Tae	65
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>2,855</b>

Y 2002

Name	Donation (\$)
Lee H. David	65
Kim Y. Richard	5
Yun Seongsoon	65
Park Brian B.	65
Chang Manseok	65
Kim Sookwon	15
Lee Sukkun	5
Yang Sungcheol	5
Lee Hyeonjong	5
Kim Hyung Bae	15
Do Cheolyong	15
Kang Kyungwoo	15
KOSEN	726.47
Chun KyungSoo	65
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>1,131.47</b>

Y 2003

Name	Donation (\$)
Lee K. Wayne	15
Kim SangSoo	165
Kim Y. Richard	200
Sung Myung Hak	65
Kwon Eil	65
Yun SeongSoon	65
Lee H. David	165
Nam Do	15
Park B. Brian	65
Kang Kyungwoo	15
Cho Yunho	15
Oh YoungTae	65
Chun KyungSoo	165
Park Yongjin	15
KOSPE	18,078
Daekyo	982
KOSEN	809
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>20,964</b>

Y 2004 (as of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004)

Name	Donation (\$)
Lee K. Wayne	50
Kim Y. Richard	165
Lee H. David	165
KOSEN	820.75
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>1,200.75</b>

**KOTAA TRB Participant Status**

Total 79 KOTAA members attended Y 2003 KOTAA Annual Meeting.

	U.S.A	Korea
Professional	14	21
Student	43	1

**Member Notes**

The following members have successfully completed their degrees in year 2003:

Dr. Soon Chang

(Florida International University)

Dr. Cheol Oh

(University of California, Irvine)

Dr. Sungho Mun, Dr. Sugjoon Lee, and Dr. Youngguk Seo

(North Carolina State University)

Dr. Jun-Seok Oh will begin his new job as assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Construction Engineering at Western Michigan University ([www.wmich.edu](http://www.wmich.edu)).

Dr. Sungho Mun began his new job at the Korea Highway Corporation in November 2003.

Mr. Ilsoo Yun (University of Virginia) has received Kenneth E. Wilkinson Scholarship Award (\$1,000) from Virginia Section of ITE

during the VASITE Annual meeting in October 2003.

#### UKC - 2003 Conference at Caltech, CA:

The Civil, Architectural, and Construction (CAC) Technology Symposium (Organizer: Prof. Kang-Won Wayne Lee) had 4 sessions and one poster session: (1) Civil Infrastructure System (Chair: Prof. Hosin David Lee), (2) Ocean and Offshore Engineering (Chair: Mr. Jaeyoung Lee), (3) Intelligent Transportation System (Chair: Dr. Hyun Kil Kim and Prof. Eil Kwon), and (4) Architecture, Infrastructure and Project Management (Chair: Mr. Douglas Duksoo Wohn). KOTAA members were the main engine for the symposium.

#### Upcoming Conferences

##### US- Korea Conference (UKC) - 2004

Final conference venue is not decided yet but the North Carolina Research Triangle is the tentative site. KOTAA will keep updating. Also, please refer to [www.ksea.org](http://www.ksea.org) for more info.

##### TRANSTEC ATHENS 2004

International conference (TRANSTEC ATHENS, 2004) will take place in Athens (Greece) during September 1-5, 2004. Please refer to [www.transtec.gr](http://www.transtec.gr) for more info.

#### Financial Status

##### Membership dues

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

##### General Financial Status

Fiscal Year of 2003 (Feb. 2002 - Jan. 2004)	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,465.15</b>
Balance from Y2002	\$ 4,480.15
Y2003 Membership	\$ 1,880.00
Y2004 Membership	\$ 105.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,681.30</b>
<b>Balance as of Jan. 2004</b>	<b>\$ 783.85</b>

##### Travel Grant Financial Status

Fiscal Year of 2003 (Feb. 2002 - Jan. 2004)	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 22,972.12</b>
<b>Awards (Jan. 2004)</b>	<b>\$ 1,950</b>
<b>Balance as of Jan. 2004</b>	<b>\$ 21,022.12</b>

#### Current Officials

##### President:

Y. Richard Kim (North Carolina State University)

##### Vice-Presidents:

Seong-Soon Yun (Gannett Flemming)

Byungkyu "Brian" Park (University of Virginia)

##### Auditor:

Hak-Chul Shin (Jackson State University)

**Secretary:** Seri Park (U of California, Irvine)

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