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President's Message



Dear KOTAA members:

This is my first newsletter message as a president of the KOTAA. And, I am very pleased to announce that our KOTAA has become "tax-exempt" non-profit organization. This is a major achievement for KOTAA and I would like to express sincere gratitude to those who worked very hard to get us here, especially, Dr. Seri Park and Mr. Hojun "Daniel" Son, former and current general secretaries. I think it is appropriate to recollect my memories on the KOTAA foot-steps and share them with you. When I became a general secretary in 1999, KOTAA did not even have a bank account under its name (I know we were so small and not financially stable at all - balance book was usually in red). I had applied for a tax-ID and established a checking account under KOTAA. Since then, with a great help from Professor Hosin David Lee at University of Iowa (\$1000 seed money for KOTAA Travel Grant), significant donations from Korean Research Societies and Engineering Firms (e.g., Korean Society of Pavement Engineers (KSPE), Korean Society of Transportation (KST), Global Network for Korean Scientists and Engineers (KOSEN), Dae-Kyo Engineering, etc.) and donations from many professionals in U.S. and South Korea, the KOTAA Travel Grand Fund has now over \$30,000 in an investment brokerage account. Among many contributors and fund-raisers, I would like to point out that major contribution (almost \$26,000) from KPES was made possible by dedicated efforts of Prof. Richard Kim at North Carolina State University (former President of KOTAA) and Prof. Young-Kuk Nam at University of Incheon (President of KPES). Overall, KOTAA made an amazing achievement and we deserve pat on our back (Congratulations, KOTAA!).

I have asked many transportation professors & researchers from foreign countries to see if they had an organization for supporting professionals and students. As far as I know, none of countries have established an organization comparable to KOTAA - I am really proud of KOTAA and we all should be.

Past four years, KOTAA Travel Grant supported over 50 graduate students. Good news is that the number of awardees has grown so rapidly (7 in 2002, 11 in 2003, 13 in 2004, and 23 in 2005). And, not-so-good-news is that we have to raise additional money so that the KOTAA Travel Grant fund becomes more stable. To this end, the KOTAA staff has decided to establish tax deductible annual contributions in three categories: Platinum level (\$200), Gold level (\$100), and Silver level (\$50). Upon receipt of contribution, KOTAA will provide each donor with official tax deductible receipt. Of course, donors will be recognized in the KOTAA website and newsletter. I strongly encourage you to contribute annual tax deductible donations toward KOTAA Travel Grant Fund. I am more than certain that it would be of great investment for Korean and Korean-American transportation professional society, of which you belong to.

I truly hope that everyone enjoys this year's TRB meeting as well as KOTAA meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Byungkyu (Brian) Park, Ph.D.
President of KOTAA for 2005 - 2006

Annual Meeting

The 17th KOTAA Annual Meeting will be held at "Virginia C" Marriott Hotel on Tuesday January 24th, 2006 from 5:45 PM to 7:00 PM.

KOTAA TRB Participant Status

Total of 109 KOTAA members attended at the 16th KOTAA Annual Meeting in January 11, 2005.

	U.S.A	Korea
Professional	19	21
Student	63	6

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.

KOTAA would like to express special appreciations to Korean Society of Transportation (KST), and global Network of Korean Scientists & Engineers (KOSEN) for their generous contributions toward the KOTAA Travel Grant. Please, refer to attached list of professionals and institutes for the KOTAA Travel Grant in page 4.

The students shown in next page are the year 2006 KOTAA Travel Grant recipients (the names are listed in the alphabetic order by the last name).

KOTAA Travel Grant Recipients

1. Baek, Jongeun
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2. Baek, Jongdae
North Carolina State University
3. Byon, Young-Ji
University of Toronto
4. Choi, Kunhee
University of California, Berkeley
5. Choi, Jaehyun
University of Florida
6. Eom, Jin Ki
North Carolina State University
7. Jun, Jungwook
Georgia Institute of Technology
8. Kang, Myungook
University of Wisconsin, Madison
9. Kim, Jin-Lee
University of Florida

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10. Kim, Minseok - Recognized as KOTAA Webmaster
University of Maryland, College Park
11. Kim, Hyunwook
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
12. Lee, Sangwook
Purdue University
13. Oh, Jung Eun
Purdue University
14. Park, Hyung Jun
University of Virginia
15. Son, Hojun - Recognized as KOTAA Secretary
University of Virginia
16. Shin, Kangwon
Arizona State University
17. Won, Jongsun
University of Virginia
18. Loo, Seung Kook
Georgia Institute of Technology

Tax-Exempt Non-Profit Organization

KOTAA is recognized as tax-exempted non-profit organization by both Federal and California State government from FY 2005. KOTAA specially thanks for Dr. Sung-Eun Kim's professional supports associated with KOTAA's tax issues as an accountant.

Member Notes

Condolence

Dr. Seongsoon Yun, a former president of the KOTAA and professor at University of Incheon passed away on Nov. 25th 2005. KOTAA recognizes his excellent leadership and contributions, and presents condolence to his family.

Award

Each of the following members received an award in 2005. Congratulations!

- Dr. Sangho Choo (KOTI)
The Wootan Award for outstanding Ph.D Dissertation in Policy and Planning (Council of University Transportation Centers).
- Dr. Jae-Joon Lee
(North Carolina State University)
TRB Best Paper in Operational Effects of Geometrics Committee

- Mr. Seungju Yoon & Jungwook Jun (Georgia Institute of Technology)
The Pyke Johnson Award (TRB Best Paper in transportation Planning and environment)
- Mr. Peter Young-Jin Park (University of Waterloo)
2005 Young Researcher Award (by TRB Committee on Safety Data, Analysis, and Evaluation)

Changing Positions

- Dr. Young-Jun Kweon (graduated from University of Texas, Austin in 2004) started working at VDOT as an associate research scientist.
- Dr. Yong-Rak Kim became an assistant professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Graduations

The following members have successfully completed their degrees in year 2005:

- Dr. Ilsoo Yun (University of Virginia)
- Dr. In-Kyu Lim (Michigan State University)
- Dr. Jae-Joon Lee (NC State University)

Upcoming Conferences

ITSA: 5/7/06~5/9/06, Philadelphia, PA www.itsa.org
ITE: 3/19/06~3/22/06, San Antonio, TX www.ite.org
TRB: 1/21/07~1/25/07 Washington D.C. www.trb.org

UKC 2006 Conference in Teaneck, New Jersey

US Korean Conference (UKC) 2006 will have Civil, Environmental and Transportation (CET) symposium. The conference is slated to be held on August 10 - 13, 2006 at Marriott Hotel in Teaneck, NJ. Please refer to <https://www.ksea.org/ukc2006/> for more information.

2006 KSEA Scholarship

To recognize outstanding students with Korean heritage who have excelled in academics as well as in community services, and who demonstrate potential for becoming leaders in the society, KSEA is going to provide several categories of scholarship. Please refer to the announcements on KSEA's Website (www.ksea.org) for further information.

Financial Status

Membership dues

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

General Financial Status

Fiscal Year of 2005	
Revenue	\$3,752.57
Balance from FY2004	\$1,407.57
Year 2005 Membership	\$2,345.00
Expense	\$521.74
Plaque, Newsletter Copy, etc.	\$354.94
Website Domain renewal	\$166.80
Balance as of 12/31/05	\$3,230.83

Travel Grant Financial Status

Fiscal Year of 2005	
Revenue	\$33,356.50
Balance from FY2004	\$30,263.24
Donation from Major Institutions	\$2,453.26
Donation from Members	\$640.00
Expenses	\$4,142.78
Awards (22 people)	\$3,300.00
*Non-Profit/Tax Exemption Related	\$842.78
Balance as of 12/31/05	\$29,213.72

* Non-Profit / Tax Exemption related expenses are applied to Travel Grant from FY 2004.

KOTAA Finance Investment

To enhance KOTAA's financial status, KOTAA invested \$30,000 in CD and Mutual Fund (\$15,000 for CD, and \$15,000 for Mutual fund) on March 2005, based on members' decision during previous KOTAA's Annual Meeting in 2005. Following table shows monthly revenue from the mutual fund investment.

Month	Credit Interest	Dividend	Total
3	\$6.70	-	\$6.70
4	\$11.02	-	\$11.02
5	\$0.02	-	\$0.02
6	\$0.08	\$135.82	\$135.90
7	\$0.14	\$135.82	\$135.96
8	\$0.20	\$135.82	\$136.02
9	\$0.25	\$135.82	\$136.07
10	\$0.31	\$135.82	\$136.13
11	\$0.36	\$132.50	\$132.86
12	\$0.51	\$132.50	\$133.01
Total	\$19.59	\$944.10	\$963.69

KOTAA Travel Grant Donations History

<NOTE>

Donations	Name
Over \$1,000	KSPE
	KST
	KOSEN
	Chang, Myungsoon
	Lee, Hosin David
Over \$500	Daekyo Engineering
	Kim, Y. Richard
Over \$200	Yun, Seongsoon
	Kim, Sangsoo
	Park, Byungkyu "Brian"
	Chon, Kyung Soo
	Jo, Sijong
	Sung, Myung-Hak
Over \$100	Cha, Dongdeuck
	Cho, Youngjoo
	Oh, Youngtae
	Lee, Youngjin

Current Officials

President

Byungkyu "Brian" Park (University of Virginia)

Vice-Presidents:

Hak-Chul Shin (Jackson State University)

Eul-Bum Lee (University of California, Berkeley)

Auditor

Soojung Jung (Mitretek Systems)

Secretary

Hojun Son (University of Virginia)

Webmaster

Minseok Kim (University of Maryland)

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