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Prof. Hironori Kato graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering, the University of Tokyo in 1993 and obtained his doctoral degree in 1999 from the University of Tokyo. He has been studying transportation planning and policy since 1995, first as Research Associate at The University of Tokyo, then as Project Manager at the Institute of Transport Policy Studies in Tokyo, and for the last 16 years up at The University of Tokyo. He has been serving as the Head of the Department since April 2016. He is also currently serving as a co-director of the Program for Master in Infrastructure Engineering, Vietnam Japan University (VJU) at Hanoi since September 2016.

His main research/teaching concerns are transportation planning and policy, transportation economics, transportation finance, and travel behavioral analysis. He has published many publications in international refereed journals, international conference proceedings, and book chapters mainly on transportation research, including *Transportation Research Part B*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *Transportation*, *Transport Policy*, and *Transportation Research Record*. He has also made a number of presentations/keynote lectures at international seminars or workshops mainly relating transportation planning and policy.

He has contributed to over 100 advisory/research committees of the central and local governments in Japan as a policy advisor, such as Special Member of the Council for Transport Policy (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan) and Special Member of the Council for Policy Evaluation (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan). He has also worked for international development projects as a technical advisor to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). He has experienced many projects organized by international institutions including Asian Development Bank (ADB), Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Additionally, he has actively participated in academic/professional societies such as the Transportation and Economic Development Committee in Transportation Research Board (TRB) and the International Scientific Committee of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS). He also serves as the editor-in-chief of *Asian Transport Studies* and as an associate editor of *Urban Rail Transit* and *CSID Journal of Infrastructure Development*.

He has been honored many awards, including the Best Teaching Award of Year 2015 (Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo, April 2016); the Best Paper Award (Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies, September 2015); the Kometani-Sasaki Award (Kometani-Sasaki Foundation, November 2014); the Japan Society of Transportation Economics (JSTE) Award (JSTE, October 2014); and Outstanding Paper Award at the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2014 (Emerald Group Publishing Ltd, May 2014).

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