

Editorial statement

The *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* is a journal published once a year by the Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The *Bulletin* is interested to provide a medium for the sharing of knowledge, experience, ideas, policy options, and information on the development of transport infrastructure and services in the Asian and Pacific region; to stimulate policy-oriented research; and to increase awareness of transport policy issues and responses. It is hoped that the *Bulletin* will help to widen and deepen debate on issues of interest and concern in the transport sector.

According to the new publication policy, each volume of the *Bulletin* focuses on a particular theme of interest, primarily in the transport sector. The theme for the previous issue of the *Bulletin* was urban transport. The chosen theme for this issue (No. 69) was the participatory approach to transport infrastructure development. A set of four articles has been selected which focus on some of the issues in transport infrastructure development through a participatory approach. The articles are policy oriented and describe some of the known “best practices” in the region. It is expected that they will generate further debate on the issues that have been discussed and increase awareness of their policy implications and responses.

The *Bulletin* welcomes analytical articles on topics that are currently at the forefront of transport infrastructure development and services in the region and on policy analysis and best practices. Articles should be based on original research and should have analytical depth. Empirically based articles should emphasize policy implications emerging from the analysis. Book reviews are also welcome.